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1 [There is no reportable action as a result of the
2 Board of Supervisors' closed session held today.]

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ...IS NOW IN SESSION AND ASK THAT
7 EVERYONE RISE FOR THE INVOCATION AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
8 THE INVOCATION WILL BE LED BY MONSIGNOR TIMOTHY E. NICHOLS OF
9 THE ST. JOHN VIANNEY CATHOLIC CHURCH IN HACIENDA HEIGHTS AND
10 THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WILL BE LED BY ROBERT ADLER, THE
11 ADJUTANT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, POST NUMBER 603 OF THE
12 JEWISH WAR VETERANS IN VAN NUYS. MONSIGNOR? MONSIGNOR TIMOTHY
13 E. NICHOLS: I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU TO BOW YOUR HEADS IN SILENCE
14 AND PRAYER AND REFLECTION. HEAVENLY FATHER, WE THANK YOU FOR
15 ALL YOUR GIFTS AND BLESSINGS. WE ASK YOU TODAY TO SHOWER YOUR
16 BLESSINGS ON OUR CITY OF ANGELS AND ALL ITS PEOPLE. GUIDE AND
17 DIRECT ITS LEADERS TO BRING ABOUT GOODNESS, WELFARE, FREEDOM
18 AND JUSTICE FOR ALL. GIVE ALL OF US THE WISDOM AND INSIGHT TO
19 LIVE AND PROCLAIM THE TRUTH FEARLESSLY. HELP US TO BE PEOPLE
20 OF LOVE, CARE AND RESPECT FOR ONE ANOTHER ALWAYS. WE PRAY
21 THIS. AMEN.

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23 **ROBERT ADLER:** COULD I ASK EVERYBODY TO REPEAT WITH ME. [
24 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE]

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR KNABE.

2

3 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,
4 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IT'S MY PRIVILEGE TO PRESENT A
5 CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO MONSIGNOR TIMOTHY NICHOLS, WHO
6 YOU HEARD JUST A FEW MINUTES AGO DELIVER A VERY KIND
7 INVOCATION. AS WAS MENTIONED, HE SERVES AT THE ST. JOHN
8 VIANNEY CATHOLIC CHURCH IN HACIENDA HEIGHTS. MONSIGNOR
9 NICHOLAS WAS BORN AND RAISED HERE IN LOS ANGELES. HE HAS BEEN
10 A PRIEST FOR 34 YEARS AND HAS BEEN WITH ST. JOHN VIANNEY FOR
11 THE PAST 5. HE'S INVOLVED WITH THE PANTRY FOOD PROGRAM, WHICH
12 FEEDS OVER 300 FAMILIES IN THE COMMUNITY, SOME WHOM ARE
13 HOMELESS. HE ALSO WORKS WITH THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COALITION
14 FOR THE HOMELESS WHERE THEY RAISE FUNDS FOR APPROXIMATELY 250
15 HOMELESS PEOPLE TO SLEEP AT THE CHURCH. MONSIGNOR NICHOLS, ON
16 BEHALF MYSELF AND MY COLLEAGUES, WE'D LIKE TO PRESENT YOU THIS
17 CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY, TAKING THE
18 TIME OUT OF YOUR BUSINESS SCHEDULE TO JOIN US BUT ALSO, AS WE
19 ALL KNOW AND THAT THIS BOARD HAS COMMITTED MILLIONS OF DOLLARS
20 IN ONGOING SERVICES TO THE HOMELESS, JUST WANT YOU TO KNOW
21 THAT WE TRULY APPRECIATE THE OUTREACH THAT ST. JOHN VIANNEY
22 NOT ONLY DOES FOR THEIR IMMEDIATE CHURCH FAMILY BUT FOR THE
23 ENTIRE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WE WERE LED IN THE PLEDGE OF
2 ALLEGIANCE THIS MORNING BY ROBERT ADLER, WHO HAILS FROM VAN
3 NUYS. HE'S REPRESENTING THE JEWISH WAR VETERANS POST 603 FROM
4 VAN NUYS. HE SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY FROM 1966
5 THROUGH '68, SERVED IN VIETNAM, THE FIFTH MECHANIZED INFANTRY
6 BRIGADE. HE'S VICE PRESIDENT OF FINANCE FOR HAL RHODES STUDIOS
7 AND DOWNEY GLASS COMPANY. HE HAS LIVED IN OUR DISTRICT FOR 32
8 YEARS, ORIGINALLY HAILS FROM STIVESON HIGH SCHOOL IN NEW YORK
9 AND FROM THE CITY COLLEGE OF NEW YORK, WHERE MY MOTHER WENT TO
10 COLLEGE AND, BOB, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR
11 COUNTRY AND FOR LEADING US IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE THIS
12 MORNING. [APPLAUSE]

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** READY FOR THE AGENDA, SACHI?

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16 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE
17 BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 3, NOTICES OF
18 CLOSED SESSION. ON ITEM C.S.-A, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A
19 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON PAGE 5, AGENDA FOR
20 THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEM 1-D.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. MS. BURKE MOVES, MR.
23 ANTONOVICH SECONDS. ANTONOVICH SECONDS. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE HOUSING
2 AUTHORITY, ITEM 1-H.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** KNABE MOVES, ANTONOVICH SECONDS.
5 UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 15.
8 ON ITEM 3, THIS IS A JOINT RECOMMENDATION WITH SUPERVISOR
9 YAROSLAVSKY AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA AND ALSO
10 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS
11 ITEM.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WE'LL HOLD IT. 3.

14

15 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM 6, SUPERVISOR BURKE REQUESTS THAT
16 THIS ITEM BE HELD.

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THAT WILL BE HELD.

19

20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM 7, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL
21 AGENDA, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
22 TAKEN OFF CALENDAR.

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24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. IT WILL BE TAKEN OFF
25 CALENDAR WITHOUT OBJECTION.



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2 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 8, AS INDICATED ON THE
3 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM
4 BE REFERRED BACK TO HIS OFFICE.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, THAT WILL BE
7 THE ORDER.

8

9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM 12, AS INDICATED ON THE
10 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THAT THIS
11 ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO HIS OFFICE.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, THAT WILL BE
14 THE ORDER.

15

16 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM 13, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND A
17 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD AND ALSO
18 SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK
19 TO JUNE 12TH, 2007.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I'M SORRY, THIS IS ITEM 15?

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23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THIS IS ITEM 13.

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25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** 13. OKAY. I LOST YOU.



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2 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND A MEMBER OF THE
3 PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THE ITEM BE HELD AND SUPERVISOR KNABE ASKS
4 FOR A ONE WEEK CONTINUANCE.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO A
7 ONE WEEK CONTINUANCE? ALL RIGHT. WE'LL HOLD IT AND WE'LL SEE
8 HOW IT GOES. OKAY.

9

10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** OKAY. THEN, ON ITEM NUMBER 15, THERE'S A
11 REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. IT WILL BE HELD, 15.

14

15 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 15. AND THE REMAINING FOR BOARD OF
16 SUPERVISORS ARE BEFORE YOU, THE REMAINING ITEMS.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THE REMAINING ITEMS,
19 MR. ANTONOVICH MOVES, MS. BURKE SECONDS. WITHOUT OBJECTION,
20 UNANIMOUS VOTE.

21

22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, ITEMS 16
23 THROUGH 20. ON ITEM NUMBER 19, SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS THAT
24 THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO JUNE 12TH, 2007. THE REST
25 ARE BEFORE YOU.



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. CHAIRMAN?

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MR. KNABE?

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6 **SUP. KNABE:** I WILL GO AHEAD AND RELEASE MY CONTINUANCE ON ITEM
7 19.

8

9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THEN, ON ITEM 19, IT ALSO INCLUDES THE
10 REVISIONS AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA FOR
11 APPROVAL.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** AS REVISED IN THE GREEN SHEET, THE
14 ITEM IS BEFORE US. MS. BURKE MOVES, MR. KNABE SECONDS. WITHOUT
15 OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

16

17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND THE REMAINING ITEMS.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ON THE REMAINING ITEMS, MS. BURKE
20 MOVES, MR. KNABE SECONDS. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

21

22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER/ WEIGHTS AND
23 MEASURES, ITEM 21.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** BURKE MOVES, KNABE SECONDS.

2 UNANIMOUS VOTE.

3

4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES. ON ITEM 22,
5 THIS INCLUDES SUPERVISOR KNABE'S RECOMMENDATION AS INDICATED
6 ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. AND ALSO SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH
7 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IT WILL BE HELD.

10

11 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CONSUMER AFFAIRS, ITEM 23.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ANTONOVICH MOVES, KNABE SECONDS.
14 UNANIMOUS VOTE.

15

16 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CORONER, ITEMS 24 THROUGH 26. ON ITEM 25,
17 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS
18 ITEM.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. ON 24 AND 26, KNABE
21 MOVES, BURKE SECONDS. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

22

23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** DISTRICT ATTORNEY, ITEM-- ON ITEM 27,
24 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS
25 ITEM.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. WE'LL HOLD IT.

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4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** HEALTH SERVICES, ITEMS 28 THROUGH 34. ON
5 ITEM 32, SUPERVISOR BURKE REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED
6 ONE WEEK TO JUNE 12TH, 2007.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WHICH ITEM?

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10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM 32.

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. ONE WEEK. WITHOUT OBJECTION,
13 THAT WILL BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK.

14

15 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND THE REMAINING ARE BEFORE YOU.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MS. BURKE MOVES, MR. KNABE
18 SECONDS. UNANIMOUS VOTE ON THE REMAINDER.

19

20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MENTAL HEALTH, ITEMS 35 THROUGH 36.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ANTONOVICH MOVES, KNABE SECONDS.
23 UNANIMOUS VOTE.

24

25 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** PARKS AND RECREATION, ITEM 37.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** KNABE MOVES, BURKE SECONDS.
3 UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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5 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** PUBLIC LIBRARY, ITEMS 38 THROUGH 43. ON
6 ITEM 38, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD
7 THIS ITEM. AND, ON ITEM 43, THE COUNTY LIBRARIAN REQUESTS THAT
8 THE ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO THE LIBRARY. THE REST ARE BEFORE
9 YOU.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ON THE REMAINDER, BURKE MOVES,
12 KNABE SECONDS. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

13

14 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** PUBLIC WORKS, ITEMS 44 THROUGH 64. ON ITEM
15 51, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS
16 ITEM. THE REST ARE BEFORE YOU.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** REQUEST ON WHICH ITEM TO HOLD?

19

20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 51.

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. ANY OTHERS?

23

24 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THAT'S IT.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ON THE REMAINDER, MR. KNABE MOVES,
2 MS. BURKE SECONDS. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

3

4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** PAGE 30, SHERIFF, ITEMS 65 AND 66.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ANTONOVICH MOVES, BURKE SECONDS.
7 UNANIMOUS VOTE.

8

9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR, ITEM 67.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** KNABE MOVES, BURKE SECONDS.
12 UNANIMOUS VOTE.

13

14 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION, ITEM 68 AND
15 I'LL READ THE SHORT TITLE IN FOR THE RECORD. THIS IS AN
16 ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 15, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, TITLE 17,
17 PARKS, BEACHES AND OTHER PUBLIC AREAS AND TITLE 19, AIRPORTS
18 AND HARBORS RELATING TO EXEMPTING VEHICLES WITH VALID VETERANS
19 SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES FROM THE PAYMENT OF PARKING FEES AT
20 COUNTY-OWNED OR OPERATED PUBLIC PARKING LOTS, INCLUDING
21 VEHICLE ENTRY FEES AT COUNTY REGIONAL PARKS AND AT COUNTY
22 PARKING METERS AND ALSO THIS ORDINANCE INCLUDES THE COUNTY
23 COUNSEL REVISION TO REFLECTS THE WORDS "ENTRANCE OR" BEFORE
24 THE WORD "EXIT" AT THE THREE LOCATIONS IT APPEARS IN THE
25 ORDINANCE.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IS THIS, JUST TO CLARIFY, A
3 SPECIAL-- A VETERAN'S SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE?

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5 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** MR. CHAIRMAN, THE CLARIFICATION FROM
6 THE COUNTY COUNSEL WAS TO PROVIDE THAT, WHERE THERE'S AN
7 AUTOMATED GATE, OBVIOUSLY, THE SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE WON'T
8 WORK, SO THEY NEED-- WE NEEDED TO AMEND THE ORDINANCE TO
9 PROVIDE FOR EXITS AND ENTRANCES.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IS THIS AN EXISTING ORDINANCE?

12

13 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** YES, IT IS.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** AND I JUST WANT TO KNOW WHAT A
16 SPECIAL VETERANS LICENSE PLATE IS. IS THAT ONE THAT ANY
17 VETERAN CAN PURCHASE OR IS IT...?

18

19 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** IT'S A PLATE ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT
20 OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO VETERANS AND RECIPIENTS OF A PURPLE
21 HEART.

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23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** BUT IT'S A HANDICAPPED OR PURPLE
24 HEART OR...

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** DISABLED VET.

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3 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** THAT'S CORRECT.

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** DISABLED VETERANS IS WHAT WE'RE
6 TALKING ABOUT. OKAY. HUH? RIGHT. BUT IT'S NOT ANY VETERAN--
7 IT'S NOT LIKE YOU BUY A SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE, LIKE THE
8 OLYMPICS LICENSE PLATE OR SOMETHING WHERE ANYBODY WHO
9 QUALIFIES AS A VETERAN COULD BUY IT AND THEN WOULD BE EXEMPT
10 FROM...

11

12 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** I DON'T KNOW THE SPECIFIC ANSWER TO
13 WHAT PERIOD OF SERVICE NEEDS TO BE COVERED BUT I THINK IT IS
14 DISABLED VETERANS, IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE:** I THINK IT'S PEOPLE WHO HAVE RECEIVED THE PURPLE
17 HEART OR SPECIAL KIND OF HONOR. IT'S NOT FOR EVERY VETERAN.

18

19 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** IT'S NOT JUST A PLATE THAT YOU CAN
20 PURCHASE THAT WOULD HONOR, SAY, "U.C.L.A."

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S WHAT-- YEAH, RIGHT. OKAY.
23 THANK YOU FOR THAT CLARIFICATION. IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO
24 THIS? MR. ANTONOVICH MOVES, MS. BURKE SECONDS ON ITEM NUMBER
25 68. UNANIMOUS VOTE ON 68.



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2 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION, ITEMS 69 THROUGH
3 73. ON ITEM 72, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH VOTES "NO".

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WITHOUT OBJECTION-- THAT WILL BE
6 RECORDED AS A 3-TO-1 VOTE WITH MR. ANTONOVICH VOTING "NO".

7

8 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND ON THE REMAINDER?

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MR. KNABE MOVES, MR. ANTONOVICH
11 SECONDS. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

12

13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SEPARATE MATTER, ON ITEM 74, WE'LL HOLD
14 THIS FOR A REPORT. MISCELLANEOUS, ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA
15 REQUESTED BY BOARD MEMBERS AND THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE
16 OFFICER WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE
17 MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ITEM 75A.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MS. MOLINA IS NOT HERE. MR. KNABE
20 WILL MOVE IT. MS. BURKE SECONDS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS
21 VOTE.

22

23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON 75B, SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS THAT THIS
24 ITEM BE HELD. 75C.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I'LL MOVE IT, BURKE SECONDS.

2 UNANIMOUS VOTE.

3

4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON 75D, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND MEMBERS
5 OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD AND ALSO
6 SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS THAT THE ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK
7 TO JUNE 12TH, 2007.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WE'LL HOLD IT. WE'LL
10 HOLD IT.

11

12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 75E IS BEFORE YOU.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ANTONOVICH MOVES, KNABE SECONDS.
15 UNANIMOUS VOTE.

16

17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA.
18 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL
19 DISTRICT NUMBER 1.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** LET'S...

22

23 **SUP. BURKE:** I DON'T HAVE ANY.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. OKAY. I WANT TO MAKE A
2 PRESENTATION OF THE L.A. COUNTY STARS FOR JUNE 2007. IN THE
3 CATEGORY OF SERVICE EXCELLENCE, I'D LIKE EVERYONE TO WELCOME
4 CHRYSTAL TAYLOR, AN OWNERSHIP SERVICES SUPERVISOR 2 FROM THE
5 OFFICE OF THE ASSESSOR. MS. TAYLOR CAN ALWAYS BE COUNTED ON
6 TO-- HERE SHE COMES ALONG WITH OUR ASSESSOR, RICK AUERBACH. [
7 APPLAUSE]

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MS. TAYLOR CAN ALWAYS BE COUNTED
10 ON TO ANSWER DIFFICULT QUESTIONS, HELP RESOLVE COMPLEX ISSUES
11 AND PROVIDE COURTEOUS RESPONSIVE AND EXEMPLARY PUBLIC
12 SERVICES. ON MANY OCCASIONS, SHE HAS INTERVENED ON BEHALF OF
13 TAXPAYERS BY CALLING OTHER DEPARTMENTS OR BY LITERALLY GOING
14 TO THEIR OFFICES TO ENSURE THAT MATTERS INVOLVING PROPERTY
15 TAXES, TAX BILLS OR RELATED MATTERS ARE RESOLVED IN A TIMELY
16 AND EFFICIENT MANNER. MS. TAYLOR IS A CONSCIENTIOUS EMPLOYEE
17 WHO GOES THE EXTRA MILE TO REPRESENT THE COUNTY IN A POSITIVE
18 LIGHT. SHE HAS SPOKEN AT AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN LOS ANGELES
19 TO GIVE STUDENTS INSIGHT ABOUT THE ASSESSOR'S OPERATIONS AND
20 SHE REALLY EXEMPLIFIES THE BEST IN OUR COUNTY EMPLOYMENT
21 FORCE. SO CONGRATULATIONS, CHRYSTAL TAYLOR. LET'S GIVE HER A
22 HAND. [APPLAUSE]

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** AND THE NEXT RECIPIENT IS LESLEY
25 BLACHER, CHIEF PROGRAM SPECIALIST FOR THE SERVICE INTEGRATION



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1 BRANCH OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE. MS. BLACHER IS THE
2 PROJECT MANAGER RESPONSIBLE FOR LEADING THE WORK ON THE
3 DEVELOPMENT OF A MULTI-AGENCY COMMUNITY-BASED FAMILY SUPPORT
4 CENTER. HER CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PROJECT AND TO THE DEPARTMENT
5 ARE EXEMPLARY. SHE IS CREATIVE AND RESOURCEFUL AND COMES UP
6 WITH EXCELLENT SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS. MS. BLACHER'S WORK ON
7 THE FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER RESULTED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF
8 INTEGRATED PROTOCOLS. THESE NEW PROTOCOLS GREATLY IMPROVED
9 SERVICES TO CHILDREN AND FAMILIES AND SOLIDIFIED WORKING
10 PARTNERSHIPS THAT BETTER MEET THE NEEDS OF COUNTY AGENCIES.
11 HOW ABOUT A HAND FOR L.A. COUNTY STAR FOR JUNE LESLEY BLACHER.

12 [APPLAUSE]

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14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** DO YOU HAVE ANY PRESENTATIONS,
15 GLORIA? MR. KNABE?

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17 **SUP. KNABE:** I WAS JUST GOING TO ADD SOMETHING ABOUT LESLEY
18 THERE.

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WHY DON'T YOU DO THAT?

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** I WANTED TO THANK HER FOR ALL HER HELP ON THE SAFE
23 SURRENDER PROGRAM. WE SAVED 59 LIVES THERE AND YOU'RE A BIG
24 PART OF THAT AND WE APPRECIATE AND I JUST WANTED TO LET YOU
25 KNOW WE APPRECIATE IT VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MR. KNABE, YOU'RE NEXT.

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, LADIES AND
5 GENTLEMEN, TODAY WE HONOR A COUPLE OUTSTANDING GROUPS FROM ABC
6 UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. FIRST OF ALL, WE'RE GOING TO BE
7 HONORING TRACY HIGH SCHOOL IN CERRITOS. I'M GOING TO ASK THAT
8 KATHY FRAZIER, THE DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS, TOM JULIUS, THE
9 PRINCIPAL, TEACHERS ROLAND MISSAHAN AND MARILYN JOHNSON TO
10 COME AND JOIN US HERE. GREAT DAY FOR ME, TOO, BECAUSE MOST OF
11 THESE FOLKS HAVE BEEN LONG-TIME FRIENDS OR A CLASSMATE OF MY
12 WIFE. BUT ANYWAY, TODAY, STATE SUPERINTENDENT JACK O'CONNELL
13 NAMED 13 CALIFORNIA SCHOOLS AS A 2007 MODEL CONTINUATION HIGH
14 SCHOOLS BASED ON THEIR OUTSTANDING PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO ASSIST
15 SCHOOLS-- ASSIST THE STUDENTS, OBVIOUSLY, AT THE SCHOOLS. 2 OF
16 THE 13 SCHOOLS ARE IN THE FOURTH DISTRICT. TODAY, I'M
17 RECOGNIZING ONE OF THEM, TRACY HIGH SCHOOL IN ABC UNIFIED
18 SCHOOL DISTRICT. TWO WEEKS AGO, IF YOU REMEMBER, WE HAD
19 SUMMERSET HIGH SCHOOL HERE AS WELL FROM BELLFLOWER. TRACY WAS
20 CHOSEN FOR ITS OUTSTANDING PROGRAM OF EFFECTIVENESS, SCHOOL
21 MANAGEMENT, CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES, ASSESSMENT
22 AND EVALUATION, SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT, GUIDANCE AND COUNSELING.
23 THEY WILL RETAIN THIS TITLE FOR THREE YEARS AND MUST SUBMIT AN
24 ANNUAL ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE TO MAINTAIN THEIR DESIGNATION.
25 TRACY HIGH SCHOOL JOINS A VERY ELITE GROUP OF ONLY 61 SCHOOLS



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1 IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA THAT HAVE RECEIVED THIS
2 RECOGNITION. SO, WHILE WE HAVE TRACY HERE TODAY, I ALSO WANT
3 TO MENTION THAT THEY RECENTLY JOINED THE TOY LELOIN PROGRAM
4 WHICH IS A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT OF OUR BOARD AND THE
5 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES. TOM AND KATHY AND ROLAND
6 AND EVERYONE, WE WANT TO SAY A HEARTFELT CONGRATULATIONS,
7 THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU DO ON BEHALF OF THE STUDENTS, 61
8 SCHOOLS IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. THAT'S PRETTY SPECIAL. SO
9 CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE]

10

11 **TOM JULIUS:** ON BEHALF OF THE STUDENTS AND STAFF AT TRACY HIGH
12 SCHOOL, I WANT TO THANK DON AND THANK THE COUNTY SUPERVISORS
13 FOR THIS HONOR. IT'S CERTAINLY A PLEASURE WORKING AT THE
14 SCHOOL AND WORKING WITH THE STUDENTS AND TO BE RECOGNIZED IN
15 THIS WAY IS A REAL ADDED BONUS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** ROLAND PROBABLY DOESN'T WANT ME TO SAY THIS, BUT
18 HE HAS THE WORLD FAMOUS M- STREET BAND, THE BEST OLDIES BUT
19 GOODIES BAND YOU'VE EVER HEARD. NEXT, IT SEEMS TO BE BEGINNING
20 AN ANNUAL TRIP FOR THESE YOUNG MEN. I'D LIKE TO CALL FORWARD
21 THE ARTESIA HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM WITH THEIR HEAD COACH
22 LOREN GROVER AND THE COACHING STAFF. IT IS MY PLEASURE TODAY
23 TO RECOGNIZE THE 2006/2007 BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM AT ARTESIA
24 HIGH SCHOOL. THEY WON THE C.I.F. DIVISION 3 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP
25 FOR THE SECOND YEAR IN A ROW. THIS TEAM HAS FIRST PLACE



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1 FINISHES IN THREE TOURNAMENTS THIS YEAR AS WELL AS DIVISION 1
2 DOUBLE AA C.I.F. SOUTHERN SECTION CHAMPIONSHIP. THE TEAM BROKE
3 A DIVISION THREE SCORING RECORD FOR THE MOST POINTS IN A
4 SINGLE GAME AND ALSO BEAT MODDER DAY, FOR THE FIRST TIME IN
5 SCHOOL HISTORY, BEATING THEM TWICE IN THE SAME YEAR. I JUST
6 FEEL SOMEWHAT OVER-- I FEEL LIKE SOMEBODY IS LOOKING OVER MY
7 SHOULDER. [LIGHT LAUGHTER]

8

9 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH. THEY'RE OVERALL RECORD WAS 33 WINS AND 2
10 LOSSES WITH A SCHOOL RECORD OF 34 WINS IN A ROW. IN ADDITION
11 TO MANY TEAM HONORS, JAMES HARDEN WAS NAMED THE C.I.F. PLAYER
12 OF THE YEAR AND LOREN GROVER WAS NAMED C.I.F. COACH OF THE
13 YEAR. SO ON BEHALF OF MY COLLEAGUES AND EVERYONE OUT THERE, WE
14 WANT TO ONCE AGAIN CONGRATULATE ARTESIA HIGH SCHOOL BOYS
15 BASKETBALL FOR ANOTHER OUTSTANDING SEASON AND BACK-TO-BACK
16 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS. CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE]

17

18 **LAUREN GROVER:** I WANT TO SAY A WARM THANK YOU TO THE L.A.
19 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, SUPERVISOR KNABE AND TO THE ABC
20 UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, MS. KATHY FRAZIER. THIS HAS BEEN AN
21 HONOR AND WE APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO COME HERE AND BE
22 PRESENTED BEFORE YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

23

24 **SUP. KNABE:** CONGRATULATIONS, GUYS. GO GET THEM. GOOD LUCK NEXT
25 YEAR. GREAT DAY FOR ABC. THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FIRST, MR. CHAIRMAN, WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE ONE
5 OF THE GREAT RESTAURANTS IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, WHICH
6 IS CELEBRATING THEIR 70TH ANNIVERSARY AND GARY DIMKITCH IS
7 HERE TO RECEIVE THEIR PROCLAMATION REPRESENTING DAMON'S
8 STEAKHOUSE 70TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT. THIS IS GLENDALE'S
9 HISTORICAL LANDMARK. IT WAS FOUNDED BY LOYAL ADELBERT DAMON,
10 WHO WAS BORN IN OREGON BACK IN 1891. WHEN HE WAS JUST SIX
11 YEARS OLD, HIS FAMILY MOVED TO THE BAY AREA AND THAT'S WHERE
12 HIS BUSINESS CAREER BEGAN WITH THE TOWNSEND CANDY COMPANY OF
13 SAN FRANCISCO. BACK IN 1937, BEFORE ALL OF US WERE BORN, HE
14 SOLD THAT CANDY STORE AND FOUNDED DAMON'S RESTAURANT ON
15 CENTRAL AVENUE IN GLENDALE, WHICH SOON BECAME A VERY FAVORITE.
16 IN 2005, THEY SOLD THAT RESTAURANT TO THE CAMPBELL FAMILY. THE
17 CAMPBELL FAMILY PROMISED TO CONTINUE DAMON'S GUARANTEE OF
18 SERVING GREAT STEAKS AND WORLD FAMOUS MAO-TAIS THE CAMPBELL
19 FAMILY, AS YOU KNOW, THAT WAS ROGER BARKLEY, OUR GOOD FRIEND
20 WHO USED TO BE ON K.F.I., WHO WAS ONE OF OUR-- MY COUNTY
21 COMMISSIONER AND JUST A WONDERFUL MAN WHO PASSED AWAY A FEW
22 YEARS AGO WITH THE LOWMAN BARKLEY SHOW, AS MANY OF US WOULD
23 LISTEN TO IN THE MORNINGS, WAS HIS PARTNER. SO, ON BEHALF OF
24 THE COUNTY, GARY, LET US GIVE YOU THIS PROCLAMATION AND WISH



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1 YOU 70 MORE YEARS. YOU NEED TO INCLUDE MORE VEGETABLES. [
2 APPLAUSE]

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4 **GARY DIMKITCH:** THANK YOU FOR HAVING US HERE TODAY. WE
5 APPRECIATE IT. ON JUNE 11TH, WE WILL BE ROLLING BACK OUR
6 PRICES TO 1937. THERE IS A DONATION THAT WE ARE COLLECTING ON
7 BEHALF OF GLENDALE HEALTHY KIDS. OUR GOAL WAS TO PROVIDE THE
8 DENTAL MOBILE UNIT FROM U.S.C. TO COME OUT TO GLENDALE FOR THE
9 DAY FOR FREE SERVICES FOR THE LOCAL YOUTH. WE ARE HAPPY TO SAY
10 WE SOLD OUT OF TICKETS IN TWO DAYS AND WE'VE MET OUR GOAL OF
11 ALLOWING THAT MOBILE UNIT TO COME OUT TO GLENDALE AND TAKE
12 CARE OF THOSE KIDS, SO THANKS TO EVERYBODY, AND ANOTHER 70
13 YEARS FOR US. [APPLAUSE]

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW, AS WE DO EACH YEAR, WE RECOGNIZE THE
16 FORMER POSTMASTER FROM GLENDA, VITO CANELLA, WHO IS HERE WITH
17 JOHN SAT, WHO'S THE PRESIDENT OF THE KIWANIS CLUB OF GLENDALE
18 AND MERCI VELASQUEZ, WHO IS THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF KIWANIS AS
19 WE RECOGNIZE AND CELEBRATE NATIONAL FLAG WEEK, WHICH IS BEING
20 HELD THIS WEEK FROM JUNE 10TH THROUGH THE 16TH ACROSS THE
21 UNITED STATES. THE RED, WHITE AND BLUE STAR SPANGLED BANNER
22 REPRESENTS THE SACRIFICES OF MILLIONS OF MEN AND WOMEN OF OUR
23 ARMED FORCES WHO HAVE CONTINUED TO FIGHT FOR OUR FREEDOM AND
24 OUR PERSONAL LIBERTIES. SINCE IT HAS BEEN ADOPTED BY THE
25 CONTINENTAL CONGRESS BACK IN JUNE 14TH OF 1777, THE FLAG HAS



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1 PROUDLY FLOWN OVER HOMES, OFFICES AND GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS AND
2 BATTLEFIELDS. NOW, THE NATIONAL FLAG WEEK WAS CREATED BACK IN
3 JUNE OF 1966 BY THE 89TH CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES, WHICH
4 AUTHORIZED THE PRESIDENT TO DECLARE THE WEEK IN WHICH FLAG
5 DAY, JUNE 14TH, OCCURS AS A NATIONAL FLAG WEEK, AND THE 21-DAY
6 PERIOD ENDING ON JULY 4TH AS A SPECIAL TIME DURING WHICH THE
7 FLAG SHOULD BE DISPLAYED. THE MOVEMENT WAS INITIATED IN THE
8 1960S BY VITO IN THE MONTROSE SHOPPING PARK ASSOCIATION ALONG
9 WITH THE MONTROSE MERCHANT, BILL BAILEY. IT HAD BEEN SUPPORTED
10 BY THE LOCAL ROTARIANS IN THEIR EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH A COUNTY-
11 WIDE WEEK RECOGNITION TO HONOR THE AMERICAN FLAG, WHICH GAINED
12 NATIONAL APPEAL AND WAS SIGNED INTO LAW BY PRESIDENT LYNDON
13 JOHNSON. SO WE APPRECIATE VITO'S CONTINUED SUPPORT AND I HAD
14 THE PRIVILEGE OF BEING WITH VITO ABOUT A YEAR AGO IN ROME AND
15 WE BOTH MET POPE BENEDICT XVI, SO IT WAS A PLEASURE TO GIVE
16 VITO THIS PROCLAMATION AND THE KIWANIS OF GLENDALE THAT HE'S
17 DEDICATING THE PROCLAMATION TO. [APPLAUSE]

18

19 **VITO CANELLA:** GOOD MORNING. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU, MIKE,
20 AND ALSO THE FOUR MEMBERS OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF
21 SUPERVISORS. INCIDENTALLY, I MIGHT NEED A TRANSLATOR BECAUSE I
22 SPEAK HALF ITALIAN AND HALF ENGLISH. I CALL IT ITALISH. MANY
23 PEOPLE ARE NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE ORIGINAL FLAG WEEK. IT WAS
24 DURING THE 1960S THAT MANY MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY OF
25 MONTROSE IN NORTH GLENDALE, WE WERE CONCERNED ABOUT UNREST AND



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1 FLAG-BURNING. WE DECIDED THAT SOMETHING NEEDED TO BE DONE TO
2 PROTECT AND HONOR OUR COUNTRY'S MOST PRECIOUS NATIONAL EMBLEM,
3 THE AMERICAN FLAG. AT THAT TIME, I JOINED WITH BILL BAILEY, AN
4 OLD FRIEND, TO CREATE SOMETHING ON A NATIONAL SCALE THAT HAD
5 NEVER EXISTED BEFORE. NAMELY, A WEEKLY OF RECOGNITION OF FLAG
6 WEEK WHICH WILL COME TO BE KNOWN TO THE UNITED STATES AS
7 NATIONAL FLAG WEEK. BILL BAILEY AND I BEGAN WORKING WITH THE
8 CRESCENTA CANADA ROTARY CLUB AND OTHER CIVIC GROUPS IN THE
9 COMMUNITY TO CONVINCE FORMER UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE, H.
10 ALLAN SMITH, TO INTRODUCE A LEGISLATION IN WASHINGTON THAT
11 WOULD RECOGNIZE THE WEEK SURROUNDING FLAG DAY AS NATIONAL FLAG
12 WEEK. EVENTUALLY, THIS LEGISLATION PASSED BOTH THE HOUSE OF
13 REPRESENTATIVES AND THE UNITED STATES SENATE AND ON JUNE 9,
14 1966, PRESIDENT LYNDON JOHNSON SIGNED THE FIRST PROCLAMATION
15 DESIGNATING THE WEEK IN WHICH JUNE THE 14TH OCCUR AS NATIONAL
16 FLAG WEEK AND CALLING UPON ALL CITIZENS TO DISPLAY THE FLAG OF
17 THE UNITED STATES. FROM THAT DAY FORWARD, EACH PRESIDENT IS
18 AUTHORIZED AND REQUESTED TO ISSUE SUCH A PROCLAMATION. SO WHAT
19 IS THE MORAL OF THE STORY AS WE GATHER TODAY TO CELEBRATE THE
20 PATRIOTISM? THE MORAL IS THAT, OUT OF A SMALL TOWN LIKE
21 MONTROSE, THE DREAM AND GOAL OF A HARD WORKING CITIZENS CAN BE
22 REALIZED FOR OUR CITY, OUR COUNTY, OUR STATE AND EVEN OUR
23 COUNTRY. AND, IN CLOSING, PLEASE REMEMBER TO DISPLAY ALL GLORY
24 FROM SUNDAY TO SATURDAY DURING THE WEEK OF JUNE THE 14TH EVERY
25 YEAR. AND, LASTLY, WITH THIS BOARD'S PERMISSION, I WOULD LIKE



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1 TO DEDICATE AND GIVE THIS YEAR'S PROCLAMATION TO THE KIWANIS
2 CLUB IN GLENDALE FOR BEING IN THE FOREFRONT OF SPREADING
3 PATRIOTISM ALL YEAR AROUND AND I HAVE HERE THE PRESIDENT
4 JOHNSON AND THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE CLUB HERE WITH ME TO
5 RECEIVE IT. [APPLAUSE]

6

7 **JOHN SAD:** THANK YOU, VITO. I'M JOHN SAD, PRESIDENT OF KIWANIS
8 CLUB OF GLENDALE WITH MY VICE-PRESIDENT, MERCY VELASQUEZ. IT'S
9 OUR HONOR TO BE HERE WITH MR. CANELLA AND TO HAVE HIM GIVE US
10 THE HONOR OF RECEIVING THIS SCROLL. KIWANIS OF GLENDALE IS
11 DEDICATED TO COMMUNITY SERVICE AND CERTAINLY AT THE FOREFRONT
12 OF COMMUNITY SERVICE'S PATRIOTISM AND WE'RE PROUD TO CARRY
13 PATRIOTISM IN OUR COMMUNITY EVERY DAY. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

14

15 **JOHN SAD:** NEXT FRIDAY, WE'LL BE HAVING OUR ANNUAL FLAG DAY
16 MEETING ON FRIDAY AND MR. CANELLA WILL BE HONORED BY OUR CLUB
17 AS PATRIOT OF THE YEAR. ANY OF YOU THAT ARE ABLE TO ATTEND,
18 PLEASE COME TO GLENDALE AND HONOR MR. CANELLA. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME NATALIE MILLER
21 SHAW FROM LOCKHEED MARTIN LEADERSHIP ASSOCIATION AS WE
22 PROCLAIM THE WEEK OF JUNE 3RD THROUGH 9TH AS MANAGEMENT WEEK
23 IN AMERICA. THE NATIONAL MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION IS THE LARGEST
24 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION OF ITS TYPE WITH OVER 24,000 MEMBERS
25 COVERING THE ENTIRE SPECTRUM OF AMERICAN BUSINESS, INDUSTRY



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1 AND ORGANIZATIONS IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR. RESPONSIBLE AND
2 RESOURCEFUL MANAGEMENT PRACTICES ARE VITAL TO THE SUCCESS OF
3 BUSINESS, EDUCATION, INDUSTRY, GOVERNMENT AND OTHER ACTIVITIES
4 IN OUR COUNTY, STATE AND NATION. OUR NATION'S SYSTEM OF FREE
5 ENTERPRISE IS DEPENDENT UPON SOUND, EFFICIENT MANAGEMENT. THE
6 WEEK OF JUNE 3RD THROUGH THE 9TH WILL BE DESIGNATED SO THAT
7 MEMBERS AROUND THE COUNTRY WILL EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF
8 MANAGEMENT AND THE IMPACT IT HAS HAD ON OUR SOCIETY,
9 ENCOURAGING THE PROMOTION OF FREE ENTERPRISE. SO WE URGE THE
10 COUNTY AS WE JOIN IN THIS GREAT EFFORT AND LET ME MAKE THIS
11 PROCLAMATION AT THIS TIME ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF LOS
12 ANGELES.

13
14 **NATALIE MILLER SHAW:** ON BEHALF OF THE LOCKHEED MARTIN
15 ASSOCIATION PALMDALE, THANK YOU ALL FOR THIS NICE HONOR AND I
16 THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND YOUR MANAGEMENT AND TO
17 ALL, CONTINUE YOUR GOOD WORK. THANK YOU.

18
19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND NOW BATTING CLEAN-UP IS PEANUTS, A LITTLE
20 CHIHUAHUA BOY. HE'S ONLY 8 WEEKS OLD. THIS IS LITTLE PEANUTS
21 LOOKING FOR A HOME. HI. ANYBODY'D LIKE TO ADOPT PEANUTS, HE'S
22 LOOKING FOR A HOME. YOU CAN CALL THE TELEPHONE NUMBER AT THE
23 BOTTOM OF YOUR SCREEN, (562) 728-4644 AND HE'S NOT HYPER LIKE
24 SOME OF HIS COUSINS. OH, YEAH. (KISSES) SEE EVERYBODY OUT
25 THERE? PEANUTS IS AVAILABLE. SO YOU CAN CALL OR THOSE THAT ARE



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1 HERE WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT THE LITTLE BOY. GLORIA? DON? ZEV?
2 DON? LITTLE PEANUTS? SACHI? UH?

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THAT'S THE LAST
5 PRESENTATION, SO SUPERVISOR MOLINA IS FIRST. OKAY. SUPERVISOR
6 BURKE, YOU'RE UP.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE:** I MOVE THAT, WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN
9 MEMORY OF CHARLENE H. TROTT, A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF THE
10 HAWTHORNE, AND THE MOTHER OF CITY OF HAWTHORNE EMPLOYEE,
11 MAUREEN TROTT, WHO PASSED AWAY ON MAY 26TH, 2007. SHE LEAVES
12 TO CHERISH HER MEMORY HER FOUR DAUGHTERS, FRANCES SPRANKLE,
13 COLLEEN O'RYAN MAUREEN TROTT AND ROSE TROTT. OLAN LAMBERT, THE
14 HUSBAND OF CITY OF HAWTHORNE COUNCILWOMAN JENNY LAMBERT, WHO
15 PASSED AWAY ON MAY 29TH, 2007. HE AND JENNY HAVE BEEN LONG-
16 TIME RESIDENTS OF HAWTHORNE. HE WAS A COMMANDER AND MEMBER OF
17 HAWTHORNE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS POST 2075. HE LEAVES TO
18 CHERISH HIS MEMORY A HOST OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS. CORNELL D.
19 ARDONIE, A FORMER PROBATION YOUTH WHO WAS CURRENTLY LIVING IN
20 ONE OF THE COUNTY'S TRANSITIONAL HOUSING SITES WHO WAS KILLED
21 ON MAY 29, 2007. HE RECENTLY MET WITH MY CHIEF OF STAFF AS
22 WELL AS COUNTY HUMAN RESOURCES WHERE HE WAS OFFERED PERSONAL
23 MENTORS. EVERYONE WAS IMPRESSED BY THIS YOUNG MAN'S
24 INTELLIGENCE AND DETERMINATION. HE WAS 19 YEARS OF AGE. HE
25 LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY A HOST OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS. AND



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1 LYNN MCALISTER, WHO IS A COUSIN OF MINE'S SON OF LEN AND
2 BARBARA MCALISTER. LYNN IS A ASSESSMENTS APPEAL REPRESENTATIVE
3 HEARING OFFICER AND LYNN, JR. PASSED AWAY ON MAY 29, 2007, AT
4 THE AGE OF 36. HE LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY ONE DAUGHTER,
5 DEJA SIMONE, HIS PARENTS AND SISTERS, DON AND DANA. THAT
6 CONCLUDES MY ADJOURNMENTS. SO ORDERED? OKAY. I THINK I'LL CALL
7 UP ITEM NUMBER 6. OR DO YOU WANT ME TO HOLD OFF ON THAT ONE? I
8 JUST HAVE A VERY SHORT AMENDMENT. YOU KNOW, OUR ONLY CONCERN
9 WITH THIS IS SOME VERY SMALL BUSINESSES ARE CONCERNED THAT
10 THEY HAVE SO MANY TAXES THAT THEY HAVE TO PAY AND FEES AND
11 MANY OF THEM DON'T SELL VERY MUCH TOBACCO, SO I'D SIMPLY LIKE
12 TO ASK THAT THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT EVALUATE A POSSIBLE,
13 EITHER A SLIDING SCALE OR SOME KIND OF A MINIMUM FEE FOR THOSE
14 SMALL GROCERS AND MOM AND POPS WHO DON'T HAVE VERY MUCH
15 BUSINESS AND TO REPORT BACK WITH THE RECOMMENDATION AND ALSO
16 WITH A COMPARISON OF WHAT OTHER CITIES THAT HAVE MOM AND POPS
17 DO AND TO REPORT BACK AND I DIDN'T PUT IT IN HERE BUT I WOULD
18 SAY IN 30 DAYS.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SO IS IT TO AMEND THIS ITEM WITH
21 THAT REQUEST?

22

23 **SUP. BURKE:** REQUEST, RIGHT, THAT THEY LOOK AT WHAT SOME CITIES
24 ARE DOING WHERE THEY HAVE A NUMBER OF THESE VERY SMALL MOM AND
25 POP STORES THAT DON'T DO VERY MUCH TOBACCO SALES TO SEE IF



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1 SOME OF THOSE OTHER CITIES HAVE EITHER A SLIDING SCALE OR SOME
2 KIND OF EXEMPTION OR MINIMUM APPROACH FOR THOSE SMALL BUSINESS
3 PEOPLE.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT AND TO REPORT BACK IN
6 FOUR WEEKS?

7

8 **SUP. BURKE:** YES. I SAID 30 DAYS. FOUR WEEKS.

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10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** FOUR WEEKS. AND I ACCEPT THAT
11 AMENDMENT.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE:** OKAY.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IS THERE ANY OTHER DISCUSSION? IS
16 THERE ANYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE WHO WANTS TO BE HEARD ON THIS
17 ITEM? ITEM NUMBER 6? IF NOT, MS. BURKE MOVES, I'LL SECOND.
18 WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE:** I'LL CALL UP ITEM NUMBER 3.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ARNOLD SACHS IS HERE, WANTS TO BE
23 HEARD ON ITEM NUMBER 3. OKAY. START THE CLOCK.

24



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1 **ARNOLD SACHS:** WOW. THAT WAS QUICK. GOOD MORNING, COUNTY BOARD
2 OF SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. JUST VERY QUICKLY, ITEMS
3 ON THE M.L.K., THIS SITUATION, WHAT'S VERY SCARY IS THAT,
4 ACCORDING TO THE PLAN SUBMITTED BY THE COUNTY CHIEF HEALTH
5 OFFICER, WHEN HE MADE THE METRO HEALTH PLAN, I BELIEVE PART OF
6 THE...

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WHAT NUMBER ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT,
9 MR. SACHS? WE'RE ON NUMBER 3.

10

11 **ARNOLD SACHS:** OH, I'M SORRY. I THOUGHT IT WAS C.S.-1.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE:** WHAT NUMBER DID YOU WANT TO SPEAK ON?

14

15 **ARNOLD SACHS:** NUMBER 3 IS THE...

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** TOM BRADLEY STAMP.

18

19 **ARNOLD SACHS:** OH. I APOLOGIZE. I DID. C.S.-1 AND C.S.-3.

20 NUMBER 3. I WAS JUST CONCERNED ABOUT THIS. THIS IS A LOBBYING
21 COMMITTEE, AND I'M CONCERNED, IS THIS THE SAME LOBBYING
22 COMMITTEE THAT MIGHT HAVE HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE V.A.
23 HOSPITAL FIASCO THAT WAS REMOVED FROM THE GOVERNMENT'S WAR
24 FUNDING BILL THAT THE PRESIDENT OBJECTED TO ORIGINALLY. HE



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1 OBJECTED TO NOT SIGNING IT, I BELIEVE, BECAUSE IT INCLUDED
2 SOME KIND OF...

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S NOT ITEM NUMBER 3. ITEM 3
5 IS THE MATTER OF THE BOARD'S SUPPORTING THE PLACEMENT OF A
6 STAMP...

7

8 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THROUGH A-- A LOBBYING COMMITTEE AND MY QUESTION
9 IS...

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** NO. IT'S ABOUT MAKING A STAMP TO
12 HONOR TOM BRADLEY, THE FORMER MAYOR OF LOS ANGELES. YOU SIGNED
13 UP IN OPPOSITION TO THAT.

14

15 **ARNOLD SACHS:** NO. I JUST SIGNED UP AS "OTHER" TO THAT.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OH, "OTHER". I APOLOGIZE.

18

19 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I THOUGHT THERE WAS SOME MENTION THAT YOU WERE
20 FORWARDING IT TO A LOBBYING COMMISSION IN WASHINGTON.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, NO, WE SAID THAT OUR LOBBYIST WOULD SUPPORT
23 THE MOTION IN WASHINGTON.

24

25 **ARNOLD SACHS:** AND MY QUESTION IS, IS THIS THE SAME LOBBYING...



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** NO.

3

4 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THEN I STAND CORRECTED. THAT'S WHAT I NEEDED TO
5 ANSWER. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SIR.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE:** IS HE HOLDING SOME OTHERS?

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YES. WHILE YOU'RE HERE, MR. SACHS,
12 YOU WERE HOLDING ITEM 15, 38 AND 51.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE:** I'LL CALL EACH ONE OF THOSE UP.

15

16 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I NEED TO GET SOME INFORMATION, PLEASE.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE:** PARDON ME? WHAT?

19

20 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I NEED TO GET SOME INFORMATION, PLEASE, AND I'D
21 LIKE TO BE ABLE TALK ON EACH ONE.

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23 **SUP. BURKE:** I'LL CALL UP-- AFTER HE VOTES ON 3, I'LL CALL 15
24 IMMEDIATELY. YOU CAN HAVE A SEAT THERE.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ITEM NUMBER 3 IS BEFORE US. MS.
2 BURKE MOVES, I'LL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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4 **SUP. BURKE:** ALL RIGHT. ITEM 15.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ITEM 15. GO AHEAD AND GET YOUR
7 INFORMATION. WHY DON'T WE TAKE-- AND GET INFORMATION ON ITEMS
8 38 AND 51 ALSO. MS. BURKE, WHY DON'T YOU CALL THE-- I THINK
9 MR. BAXTER WAS HOLDING AN ITEM. ITEM 25.

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11 **SUP. BURKE:** ALL RIGHT. 25.

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13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MR. BAXTER?

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15 **PETER BAXTER:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF YOUR
16 HONORABLE BOARD. MS. HARPER. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. MY NAME IS
17 PETER BAXTER AND I LIVE IN LOS ANGELES. WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO
18 DO IS I'D LIKE TO GIVE NOTICE TO THE CORONER THAT IT APPEARS
19 TO ME THAT THERE'S A VERY DANGEROUS PRECEDENT BEING SET BY
20 GRANTING TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT THE AUTHORITY TO HOLD NIGHT
21 FLIGHTS OF HELICOPTERS TO DROP BAGS OF WATER ON A BRUSH FIRE
22 AND I'M SUGGESTING THAT IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO EXPECT THAT WE
23 CANNOT HAVE SOME CASUALTY THROUGHOUT THIS FIRE SEASON AND I
24 WANT TO BE SURE TO DO EVERYTHING I CAN TO BRING ATTENTION TO
25 THE FACT THAT YOU-- THE BOARD IS AUTHORIZING THIS ACTIVITY AND



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1 I THINK I'VE DONE THAT NOW. I'VE ALSO HAD A LETTER FROM THE
2 FIRE CHIEF JUST RECENTLY. HE'S ALWAYS TALKING ABOUT SOMETHING,
3 I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT HE'S TALKING ABOUT BECAUSE I'M NOT
4 INTERESTED IN-- HE'S TALKING THIS TIME ABOUT B.T.H.U.S, THAT'S
5 A BRITISH THERMAL UNIT, IT'S A MEASUREMENT OF HEAT AND WHAT'S
6 THAT GOT TO DO WITH ANYTHING I'VE GOT TO SAY? I'VE GOT NOTHING
7 TO TALK ABOUT B.T.H.U.S. I'M HERE TO PRESENT THE IDEA THAT THE
8 WAY TO FIGHT FIRE IS TO USE STEAM, NOT TO USE WATER, BUT I
9 CAN'T GET ANY SENSE OUT OF ANYTHING THAT THE CHIEF SPEAKS
10 ABOUT. HOWEVER, AT THIS PARTICULAR POINT, I WANT THE CORONER
11 TO TAKE NOTICE AND TO EXAMINE THE VALIDITY OF HAVING THESE
12 HELICOPTER PILOTS FLY AT NIGHTTIME OVER A BRUSH FIRE, WHICH IS
13 A VERY DANGEROUS SITUATION FOR THE PILOT AND IT ACHIEVES
14 PRACTICALLY NOTHING FOR THE REST OF THE PUBLIC. YOU SAY IT'S A
15 WAY OF SAVING LIVES. I'VE NEVER HEARD OF A LIFE BEING SAVED BY
16 DROPPING A BAG OF WATER ON A BRUSH FIRE, ALL OF WHICH IS
17 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED AND I THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ITEM 25 IS NOW BEFORE
20 US. MS. BURKE MOVES, MS. MOLINA SECONDS. WITHOUT OBJECTION,
21 UNANIMOUS VOTE. ITEM 15.

22

23 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES. GOOD MORNING AGAIN, COUNTY BOARD OF
24 SUPERVISORS. I'M CONCERNED ABOUT AN AGENCY THAT'S MISSING FROM
25 HERE. I'D LIKE TO KNOW IF THERE CAN BE A DISCLOSURE OF



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1 CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND CODES FOR ACCESS SERVICES WHICH IS A
2 SUPPOSEDLY COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AGENCY, BUT IT'S LISTED IN
3 PAPERWORK AS A INCORPORATION AND I'M JUST CURIOUS TO KNOW HOW
4 MANY COUNTY AGENCIES ARE ALSO INCORPORATED. THAT'S MY COMMENT
5 ON ITEM NUMBER 15.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ANYBODY ELSE WANT TO BE
8 HEARD ON ITEM 15? IF NOT, PUBLIC HEARING IS CLOSED. MS. MOLINA
9 MOVES, MR. KNABE SECONDS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE ON
10 ITEM 15. YOU'RE HERE ON ITEM 38 ALSO, MR. SACHS?

11

12 **ARNOLD SACHS:** ITEM 38? YES, SIR. I'M GLAD TO SEE THAT THE
13 COUNTY IS TAKING FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY. I'D JUST LIKE TO POINT
14 OUT THAT, WHEN THE NEW POSITION THAT WAS -- OR THE NEW CHIEF
15 EXECUTIVE OFFICER WAS BEING LOOKED INTO, THE PREVIOUS-- MR.
16 JANSSEN'S SALARY WAS LISTED AT ABOUT \$250,000 A YEAR AND I
17 BELIEVE THAT THE NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER WAS GOING TO BE
18 HIRED UNDER FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY ACTION, YET MR. JANSSEN'S
19 NEW TITLE IS EXECUTIVE OF THE EXECUTIVES IS THAT OF \$399,000
20 SALARY, WHICH IS ALMOST A \$150,000 RAISE OVER HIS PREVIOUS
21 SALARY. I WOULD CALL THAT FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY ALSO. THAT'S
22 MY ITEM-- THAT'S MY COMMENT ON ITEM NUMBER 38.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. ANYBODY ELSE WANTS TO
25 BE HEARD ON ITEM 38? IF NOT, THE PUBLIC HEARING IS CLOSED. MR.



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1 ANTONOVICH MOVES, MS. BURKE SECONDS. WITHOUT OBJECTION,
2 UNANIMOUS VOTE ON ITEM 38. YOU WERE ALSO ASKED TO BE HEARD ON
3 ITEM 51.

4

5 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, I AM. I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW THAT, WHEN YOU
6 APPROVE FUNDING FOR ACCESS PARATRANSIT, YOU LOOK INTO THE
7 ACTIVITIES OF COMPANIES THAT ARE PROVIDING ACCESS SERVICES,
8 NOT PARATRANSIT PER SE BUT THE CAB COMPANIES THAT WILL PROVIDE
9 SERVICES UNDER ACCESS PARATRANSIT CONTRACTS THAT THEY SIGN UP
10 FOR WITH A, I BELIEVE A CERTAIN NUMBER OF TAXICABS AVAILABLE
11 FOR ACCESS PARATRANSIT SERVICE YET DO NOT PROVIDE TRAINING FOR
12 DRIVERS AND, SINCE THE DRIVERS ARE NOT OFFICIALLY ACCESS
13 SERVICES CERTIFIED, THEY CANNOT ANSWER CALLS FOR ACCESS
14 SERVICE TRANSPORTATION, WHICH LEAVES A GAP BETWEEN A NUMBER OF
15 TAXICABS THAT THE COMPANIES WILL HAVE AVAILABLE AND THE NUMBER
16 OF CALLS THAT THEY WILL ACTUALLY SERVICE. THIS IS A GRAVE
17 DISSERVICE TO THE PUBLIC AND THE DISABLED PEOPLE AND PEOPLE
18 THAT NEED ACCESS SERVICES. AND, IF YOU'RE GOING TO GRANT MONEY
19 TO ACCESS PARATRANSIT, IT'S SOMETHING THAT SHOULD BE LOOKED
20 INTO. THAT'S MY COMMENT ON ITEM NUMBER 58.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IS THERE ANYBODY ELSE WHO WANTS TO
23 BE HEARD ON ITEM NUMBER 51? IF NOT, PUBLIC HEARING IS CLOSED.
24 MR. KNABE MOVES, MS. BURKE SECONDS. WITHOUT OBJECTION,
25 UNANIMOUS VOTE. MS. BURKE?



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2 **SUP. BURKE:** ITEM 27. I DON'T KNOW WHO WAS HOLDING THAT.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ITEM 27. DR. CLAVREUL AND MR.
5 SACHS.

6

7 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
8 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. YOU KNOW, I'M VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE
9 LACK OF RESPONSE FROM THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND IF THAT, YOU
10 KNOW, WE MEAN TO GIVE HIM MORE POSITIONS SO THE WORK IS BEING
11 DONE, I WOULD HIGHLY SUPPORT THIS. YOU KNOW, I FILED A FORMAL
12 COMPLAINT ABOUT THE BOARD BROWN ACT VIOLATION A COUPLE OF
13 MONTHS AGO. I STILL HAVE NOT RECEIVED A RESPONSE. I TALKED TO
14 THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE LAST WEEK, TALKED TO MR.
15 DERMIDGEON AND HE TOLD ME I WOULD HAVE A LETTER IN THE NEXT
16 COUPLE OF DAYS. THAT WAS LAST WEEK. I'M STILL WAITING. SO I
17 WOULD BE IN FAVOR OF ADDING ONE MORE POSITION IF THAT MEANS
18 THEY'RE GOING TO BE MORE EFFECTIVE IN DOING THEIR JOB. THANK
19 YOU.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MR. SACHS.

22

23 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES. IN RESPONSE TO THIS GRANT, THIS IS FROM THE
24 DAILY NEWS OF MAY 9TH, THAT THE-- I'M QUOTING SUPERVISOR
25 MOLINA HERE REGARDING PROSECUTIONS THAT YOU CAN'T BEGIN TO



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1 CREATE ALTERNATIVES UNTIL YOU START PROSECUTING THESE GANG
2 MEMBERS FOR THE GUNS, DRUGS AND ALL THE OTHER CRIMES. JUST
3 HAVING MORE PROSECUTORS. WHEN A PROSECUTION OF A GANG MEMBER
4 IS FINISHED, WHAT HAPPENS TO THE GANG MEMBER? ARE THEY SENT TO
5 COUNTY JAIL OR THE STATE PRISON AND, BECAUSE OF THE
6 OVERCROWDING FACILITIES, THEY BASICALLY DON'T SERVE ANY TIME.
7 SO IT'S GIVING MONEY FOR WHAT PURPOSE? UNTIL YOU CREATE THE
8 FACILITIES TO HOLD THE MEMBERS-- TO HOLD THE CRIMINALS, YOU
9 JUST HAVE A REVOLVING DOOR.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. IS THERE ANYBODY ELSE
12 WANTS TO BE HEARD ON ITEM 27? IF NOT, THE PUBLIC HEARING IS
13 CLOSED. MS. MOLINA MOVES, MR. KNABE SECONDS. WITHOUT
14 OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE:** THAT CONCLUDES MY ITEMS.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I WOULD ASK THAT WE ADJOURN TODAY
19 IN THE MEMORY OF WALTER BARREN. HIS OBITUARY WAS IN THIS
20 MORNING'S PAPER. WALTER WAS...

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ADD ME TO THAT.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. ALL MEMBERS. I THINK WE
25 ALL KNEW HIM. I FIRST GOT TO KNOW WALTER WHEN HE WAS ACTIVE



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1 WITH THE L.A. REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. HE BECAME
2 PRESIDENT OF THE CHAMBER. HE WAS A GREAT CIVIC LEADER AND
3 PARTICIPATED IN A LOT OF THE CIVIC PROJECTS OF THE '60S, '70S,
4 '80S AND A REAL PARTNER WITH GOVERNMENT IN SOME OF THE THINGS
5 WE NEEDED TO DO IN THOSE DAYS. HE WAS A PARTNER WITH ERNST AND
6 YOUNG, ORIGINALLY ERNST AND WHITNEY, AND HE WAS JUST A
7 WONDERFUL, WONDERFUL HUMAN BEING AND ASK THAT WE ALL ADJOURN
8 IN HIS MEMORY AND I WILL GET THE INFORMATION TO YOU LATER
9 TODAY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. THAT'S THE
10 ONLY ADJOURNING MOTION I HAVE. CAN WE TAKE UP ITEM 75B? MR.
11 KNABE, YOU HELD IT. THIS IS TO SUPPORT A.B.904, THE FEUER
12 LEGISLATION ON FOOD PACKAGING.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** I THINK THAT, YOU KNOW, THE CONCERN THAT AT LEAST
15 OUR OFFICE HAD, WE'VE BEEN CONTACTED BY A NUMBER OF FOLKS, ONE
16 OF THE BIG THINGS HERE IS THAT, IF THIS BAN WERE IMPOSED,
17 THERE MAY NOT BE ENOUGH COMPANIES OR PRODUCTS TO SUPPLY FOOD
18 PACKAGING FOR THE APPROXIMATELY 88,000 RESTAURANTS HERE IN THE
19 STATE OF CALIFORNIA SO I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE MY STAFF PASS OUT
20 AN AMENDMENT. I BELIEVE SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH SUPPORTS THIS AS
21 WELL, THAT WOULD SAY THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF
22 SUPERVISORS SUPPORT A.B.904 ONLY IF ALTERNATIVES TO PLASTIC
23 FOOD PACKAGING NUMBERS 3 THROUGH 7 AND WAX COATED PAPER
24 PRODUCTS ARE IDENTIFIED AND READILY AVAILABLE TO CALIFORNIA'S
25 FOOD INDUSTRY.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SECOND.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** YOU KNOW, THERE ARE SO MANY BILLS THAT GET
5 INVOLVED UP THERE, I MEAN, THE INTENT IS GOOD BUT THEY HAVE A
6 TENDENCY TO, YOU KNOW, OVER IMPOSE WHEN THERE MAY NOT BE
7 ENOUGH ALTERNATIVES AVAILABLE TO MAKE IT A REALITY, SO I'M
8 JUST STATING THAT IT MIGHT BE A GOOD IDEA TO AT LEAST MAKE
9 SURE THAT THERE'S OTHER ALTERNATIVES AVAILABLE BEFORE YOU
10 PROCEED WITH THE MOTION-- I MEAN, WITH THE LEGISLATION.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I BELIEVE THAT THE BILL DOESN'T GO
13 INTO EFFECT-- I MEAN, THE PROVISIONS OF THE BILL DON'T GO INTO
14 EFFECT UNTIL 2010, SO THERE'S A THREE YEAR LEAD-IN TO IT AND I
15 THINK THAT WAS THE ASSEMBLYMAN'S WAY OF ADDRESSING THIS ISSUE
16 BUT THE WAY THIS IS WRITTEN, I DON'T KNOW WHAT NUMBERS 3
17 THROUGH 7 ARE AND I KNOW THAT WE WERE CONTACTED ALSO BY AT
18 LEAST ONE ORGANIZATION AND THEY WANT TO KILL THIS BILL AND I
19 THINK THAT THE ISSUE OF SUFFICIENT PACKAGING MATERIAL IS
20 ADDRESSED IMPLICITLY IN THE BILL BY HAVING IT GO INTO EFFECT
21 IN 2010, SO I WOULD ASK THAT WE NOT AMEND IT THIS WAY.

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23 **SUP. KNABE:** THEN I'LL JUST PUT IT OFF, I MEAN, I WAS JUST
24 TRYING TO...

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** LET ME SUGGEST ANOTHER WAY, DON.
2 MAYBE INSTEAD OF BEING SPECIFIC IN THE RESOLVE PART, SAY THAT
3 -- ASK THAT OUR ADVOCATES-- THAT THE AUTHOR OF THE BILL BE
4 SENSITIVE TO AVAILABILITY OF THE PACKAGING MATERIAL WITHOUT
5 BEING SPECIFIC ABOUT NUMBERS 3 THROUGH-- BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW
6 WHAT THAT IS BUT, JUST GENERICALLY, I THINK IT MAKES COMMON
7 SENSE.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IS PUBLIC WORKS HERE?

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ACTUALLY, THIS BILL IS CONSISTENT
12 WITH THE POSITION THAT THIS BOARD HAS TAKEN ON A NUMBER OF
13 OCCASIONS ON MOTIONS BY MS. BURKE AND MS. MOLINA, SO I DON'T
14 THINK THIS IS THAT REVOLUTIONARY. GO AHEAD. DON? MR.
15 ANTONOVICH?

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IS IT TRUE THAT CORN STARCH AND POTATO STARCH
18 ALTERNATIVES ARE NOT BIODEGRADABLE?

19

20 **DON WOLFE:** NO. IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING, SUPERVISOR, AND I'D BE
21 VERY SURPRISED IF I WAS WRONG, IF THOSE ARE NOT BIODEGRADABLE.
22 IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THEY ARE.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I UNDERSTOOD THEY COULDN'T BE COMPOSTED.

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1 **DON WOLFE:** THAT COULD POSSIBLE BE CORRECT BUT THEY ARE
2 BIODEGRADABLE. IN OTHER WORDS, IF THEY'RE DROPPED AS TRASH,
3 THEY WILL BIODEGRADE, WHEREAS POLYSTYRENE IS PRETTY MUCH
4 FOREVER.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT YOU CAN'T COMPOST THEM.

7

8 **DON WOLFE:** THAT'S CORRECT. THAT'S MY UNDERSTANDING, YES.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND HOW WOULD THAT IMPACT YOUR COMPOSTING
11 PROGRAM?

12

13 **DON WOLFE:** WE REALLY DON'T HAVE A COMPOSTING PROGRAM WITHIN
14 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. RIGHT NOW, THINGS THAT ARE
15 COLLECTED FOR COMPOSTING ARE TAKEN OUT OF THE COUNTY PRIMARILY
16 TO SAN BERNARDINO AND TO KERN COUNTY.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WILL ALTERNATIVE FOOD PACKAGING BE ABLE TO
19 TRANSPORT FOOD SAFELY WHEN TRANSPORTING FOOD IN EXCESS OF 100-
20 DEGREE TEMPERATURE?

21

22 **DON WOLFE:** WELL, I WOULDN'T KNOW THAT SINCE I'M NOT SURE THAT
23 THEY'VE BEEN IDENTIFIED YET AS PART OF THE MOTION THAT YOUR
24 BOARD GAVE TO US ON TWO PRIOR OCCASIONS TO LOOK INTO THIS. WE
25 WERE GIVEN A PERIOD OF TIME TO DO THE RESEARCH ON THAT BOTH



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1 WITH THE INDUSTRY, THE FOOD PACKAGING AND THE RESTAURANT FOLKS
2 AND AS WELL AS OTHER JURISDICTIONS THAT HAVE PASSED SIMILAR
3 REGULATIONS TO DETERMINE WHAT THEY ARE USING AND WHAT THE
4 PARAMETERS ARE ON THOSE PRODUCTS. SO WE, OF COURSE, ARE
5 WORKING ON THAT RIGHT NOW BUT WE DON'T HAVE THOSE ANSWERS FOR
6 YOU YET, SUPERVISOR.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE PAPER BOARD PACKAGING THAT'S UTILIZED
9 TODAY IS LINED WE PLASTIC RESIN. DOES THIS PREVENT THE
10 PACKAGING FROM DEGRADING IN NORMAL MARINE ENVIRONMENTS?

11

12 **DON WOLFE:** IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT IT DOES NOT, THAT THAT
13 TYPE OF PACKAGING DOES DISINTEGRATE IN A MARINE OR AN OPEN AIR
14 ENVIRONMENT, SUPERVISOR.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I GUESS THE RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION AND THE
17 INDUSTRY ARE GOING TO HAVE A SUMMIT THIS COMING MONTH OR I
18 GUESS IN THE MONTH OF AUGUST TO DISCUSS ALTERNATIVES. ARE WE
19 GOING TO BE A PART OF THAT DISCUSSION OR WHAT?

20

21 **DON WOLFE:** WE WILL BE OBSERVING THAT DISCUSSION. WE DON'T HAVE
22 THAT EXPERTISE. AND WE'RE, OF COURSE, GETTING THAT EXPERTISE
23 FROM OTHER FOLKS THAT DO HAVE IT. THE RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION,
24 OBVIOUSLY, IS A HUGE PLAYER IN THIS BECAUSE THEY USE THE
25 PRODUCTS AND THE PRODUCTS ARE CONVENIENT AND SANITARY AS THEY



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1 CURRENTLY ARE BUT THEY DO HAVE AN ADVERSE IMPACT ON THE
2 ENVIRONMENT, WHICH IS A HUGE ISSUES THAT WE HAVE TO DEAL WITH
3 AS A DEPARTMENT AND A COUNTY.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE ALSO THEN HAVE PUBLIC HEALTH BECAUSE, IF
6 THE PACKAGING IS NOT APPROPRIATE, THEN YOU END UP WITH FOOD
7 POISONING AND OTHER TYPES OF FOOD SPOILAGE TAKING PLACE, SO
8 IT'S...

9

10 **DON WOLFE:** ANY ALTERNATIVES WOULD HAVE TO GIVE AN EQUIVALENT
11 PUBLIC HEALTH SAFETY AS WHAT'S CURRENTLY BEING USED, YES.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR BURKE.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE:** MY UNDERSTANDING, MR. WOLFE, IS THAT, FROM THE
16 PRODUCERS OF SOME OF THIS BIODEGRADABLE PACKAGING MATERIAL,
17 THAT THE ISSUE IS WHETHER OR NOT THE ENTITY, THE COUNTY, HAS
18 THE COMPOSTING CAPACITY. FOR INSTANCE, IN SAN FRANCISCO, I
19 UNDERSTAND THEY DO HAVE THAT COMPOST CAPACITY SO THAT THAT'S
20 WHY THEY WERE ABLE TO TRANSFER TO DIFFERENT MATERIALS. IS THAT
21 CORRECT?

22

23 **DON WOLFE:** WELL, THAT'S CORRECT AND TO SAY WE DON'T HAVE IT,
24 ANY RESTAURANT THAT IS USING COMPOSTABLE MATERIALS CAN ARRANGE
25 WITH THEIR HAULER TO HAVE THE PRODUCT OR THE WASTE TAKEN TO



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1 THE PROPER LOCATION. LIKE I SAID, THERE ARE LOCATIONS IN SAN
2 BERNARDINO COUNTY AND KERN COUNTY THAT CURRENTLY COMPOST THAT
3 MATERIAL. WE DO NOT HAVE ANY COMPOST FACILITIES WITHIN THE
4 COUNTY.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE:** IT HAS TO GO OUTSIDE, THAT'S THE ONLY THING BUT
7 ALL OF THE MANUFACTURERS OF THOSE BIODEGRADABLE PRODUCTS SAY
8 THAT THEY CAN BE COMPOSTED AND IT'S JUST A MATTER OF WHETHER
9 OR NOT THE FACILITY IS AVAILABLE.

10

11 **DON WOLFE:** THAT'S CORRECT. AT THIS TIME, THEY WOULD HAVE TO BE
12 TRUCKED OUT OF COUNTY AND SOME FACILITIES ARE DOING THAT.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. WE HAVE THE AMENDMENT BEFORE
15 US. MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT-- WELL, I THINK WE'VE HAD THE
16 DISCUSSION ON THIS. I WON'T REPEAT IT BUT I WOULD ASK FOR A
17 "NO" VOTE ON THE AMENDMENT AND AN "AYE" VOTE ON SUPPORTING THE
18 BILL. THERE'S GOING TO BE A LOT OF GIVE AND TAKE ON THIS BILL
19 UP IN SACRAMENTO BEFORE THIS IS ALL OVER AND THE RESTAURANT
20 ASSOCIATION IS DEFINITELY HAVING AND IS GOING TO CONTINUE TO
21 HAVE A SAY UP THERE. BUT I THINK, IN TERMS OF CONSISTENCY WITH
22 OUR POSITION, I BELIEVE THE MOLINA/BURKE MOTION OF SEVERAL
23 WEEKS AGO ALREADY REQUIRES OUR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO
24 RESEARCH ALTERNATIVES TO STYROFOAM AND SO-- IS THAT CORRECT?

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1 **DON WOLFE:** THAT'S CORRECT.

2

3 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SO THAT'S SOMETHING THAT'S ONGOING
4 HERE AND WE CAN CERTAINLY MAKE ANY OF THE FINDINGS WE-- YOU
5 MAKE AVAILABLE TO LEGISLATURE AND TO THE AUTHOR OF THIS BILL.

6

7 **DON WOLFE:** ABSOLUTELY.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** CALL THE ROLL ON THE AMENDMENT.

10

11 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** NO.

14

15 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR BURKE?

16

17 **SUP. BURKE:** NO.

18

19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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21 **SUP. KNABE:** AYE.

22

23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AYE.



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2 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO. CALL THE ROLL ON THE ITEM.

5

6 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON THE ITEM THAT...

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ON THE ORIGINAL MOTION, 75B.

9

10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** AYE.

13

14 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR BURKE?

15

16 **SUP. BURKE:** AYE.

17

18 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** NO.

21

22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO.

25



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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

2

3 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AYE. OKAY. THIS IS APPROVED. I THINK THAT'S
4 IT FOR ME. MR. KNABE?

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** A COUPLE OF ADJOURNMENTS. FIRST OF ALL, WE ADJOURN
7 IN MEMORY OF U.S. ARMY SPECIALIST ALEXANDRE ALEXEEV, WHO WAS
8 KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY IN IRAQ RECENTLY. HE WAS AMONG THE
9 FIVE SOLDIERS KILLED WHEN THEIR VEHICLE WAS STRUCK BY A
10 MAKESHIFT BOMB LAST WEEK. HE WAS 23 YEARS OLD AND A RESIDENT
11 OF WILMINGTON. ALEXANDRE WAS A NATIVE OF RUSSIA AND, WHEN HE
12 WAS 14, HIS FAMILY LEFT RUSSIA AND MOVED TO HAWTHORNE. HE
13 GRADUATED FROM HAWTHORNE'S HIGH SCHOOL IN 2002 AND HIS FAMILY
14 BOUGHT A HOUSE IN WILMINGTON ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO. HE WAS A
15 VERY SHY YOUNG MAN WHO ENJOYED ICE HOCKEY AND LOVED HIS
16 ADOPTED COUNTRY. OUR SINCEREST GRATITUDE AND DEEP CONDOLENCES
17 GO OUT TO HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN
18 MEMORY OF JAMES J. ATTARIAN, LONG-TIME FAMILY FRIEND AND
19 FELLOW OPTIMIST FOR 30 PLUS YEARS. JAY AND HIS WIFE, VIRGINIA,
20 ARE GREAT FRIENDS AND HE'LL BE SORELY MISSED BY HIS FAMILY AND
21 FRIENDS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, VIRGINIA, HIS SON, KEITH.
22 IT'S BEEN A TOUGH MONTH. THEY LOST THEIR SON ABOUT A MONTH AGO
23 TO CANCER. SO OUR HEARTS AND THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS GO OUT TO
24 THE ATTARIAN FAMILY.

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** UNANIMOUS VOTE.

2

3 **SUP. KNABE:** LET'S SEE. WAS I HOLDING ANYTHING? DID SUPERVISOR
4 BURKE CALL UP ITEM NUMBER 6?

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YES, WE DID THAT.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** WE DID THAT.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WHILE YOU'RE LOOKING, LET ME ALSO
11 JUST ADJOURN, ALSO, I HAD ONE THAT I FORGOT, SYLVIA THAYER,
12 LONG-TIME BENEFACTOR OF U.C.L.A. AND THE COUNTY'S NATURAL
13 HISTORY MUSEUM, WHO DIED AT THE AGE OF 81. AND ASK THAT WE
14 ADJOURN IN HER MEMORY.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** I HAD NO OTHER FURTHER ITEMS HELD.

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU, DON. MR.
19 ANTONOVICH?

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YEAH, LET ME ALSO SAY A FEW WORDS ABOUT
22 WALTER BARREN. I MET HIM WHEN HE FIRST WAS ASSIGNED OUT HERE
23 WITH ERNST AS THE HEAD OF THE FIRM AND DEVELOPED A STRONG
24 FRIENDSHIP AND BOND WITH HE AND HIS WIFE, SPEEDY, AND HIS SON,
25 WHO HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN A NUMBER OF REPUBLICAN CAMPAIGNS.



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1 WALTER WAS QUITE ACTIVE IN THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY, A GREAT--
2 HE WAS AN OFFICER IN THE JAPAN-U.S. SOCIETY AND LOVED OUR
3 COUNTY AND WAS JUST A GOOD MAN. HE WAS QUITE ACTIVE IN LATER
4 YEARS WITH THE RONALD REAGAN'S LIBRARY AND WAS DEDICATED TO
5 OUR COUNTY, STATE AND NATION. HE SUFFERED ALZHEIMER'S LATER IN
6 LIFE BUT HIS WIFE, SPEEDY, IS A WONDERFUL WOMAN AND DID WELL
7 BY HIS SIDE. A GOOD MAN. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO MOVE WE ADJOURN
8 IN MEMORY OF MAYOR JOHN CROWLEY, WHO WAS MY APPOINTEE TO THE
9 CITIZENS COMMITTEE ON ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY FOR NINE YEARS.
10 HE SERVED WITH DISTINCTION IN THE CITY OF PASADENA AS A MEMBER
11 OF THE COUNCIL AND MAYOR FOR 12 YEARS. HE ALSO WAS A
12 REPRESENTATIVE ON THE BURBANK-GLENDALE-PASADENA AIRPORT
13 AUTHORITY FOR 10 YEARS. HE WAS CREDITED AS THE FOUNDING
14 CHAIRMAN OF THE PASADENA'S HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION,
15 HONORED BY HAVING THE TRAIL CONNECTING SALVIA CANYON IN LINDA
16 VISTA TO THE ARROYO SECO WHICH BEARS HIS NAME AND HE HAD BEEN
17 PRESIDENT OF THE REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT FIRM AND CITY MANAGER
18 IN THE OLD DAYS TO MONTEREY PARK IN THE '50S. HE WAS ALSO A
19 PROUD MEMBER OF THE TOURNAMENT OF ROSES ASSOCIATION. HE WAS A
20 WHITE SUITER AS WELL. AND WE GIVE OUR SYMPATHIES TO HIS WIFE,
21 BARBARA, AND HIS CHILDREN. ANOTHER GOOD FRIEND, JOHN THOMAS
22 CAHILL. HE WAS THE PREMIER MANUFACTURER OF WEDDING GOWNS AND
23 OWNER OF CAHILL WEDDING DRESSES. HE PROVIDED THE GOWNS FOR THE
24 ROSE QUEEN AND HER COURT EACH YEAR. JOHN AND HIS WIFE, TERRI,
25 HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN MANY PHILANTHROPIC ORGANIZATIONS IN OUR



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1 COUNTY AND STATE AND JUST A VERY SWEET MAN, NICE MAN, LOVING
2 MAN, GOOD CHRISTIAN AND ACTIVE AT THE GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC
3 CHURCH IN BEVERLY HILLS. ANOTHER GOOD FRIEND AND MEMBER, PAST
4 MEMBER AND CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE GLENDALE
5 UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, JANE WHITTAKER AND SHE SERVED ON THE
6 LOS ANGELES COUNTY SCHOOL TRUSTEE ASSOCIATION AND ON THE
7 ADVISORY BOARD FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE
8 ARTS BETWEEN 1991 AND 1995. SHE WAS ON THE P.T.A. COUNCIL, THE
9 GLENDALE Y.M.C.A. BOARD, FOUNDER OF THE GREATER CHILD CARE
10 COUNCIL, GLENDALE NEIGHBORHOOD TASK FORCE IN AN EFFORT TO
11 CLEAN UP OUR CITY AND REMOVE GRAFFITI. SHE WAS A VERY DYNAMIC
12 LADY, QUITE INVOLVED IN HER COMMUNITY AND FAMILY AND OUR BEST
13 TO HER HUSBAND, FRED, AND HER CHILDREN, FRED JR. AND CHARLES.
14 CARLO PETER DEANTONIO, WHO WAS ONE OF THE FOUNDING MEMBERS OF
15 THE CHILD AND FAMILY GUIDANCE CENTER IN NORTHRIDGE. HE HAD HIS
16 OWN PRIVATE PRACTICE AND TAUGHT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN
17 CALIFORNIA AS A CLINICAL PROFESSOR OF PSYCHIATRY AT L.A. STATE
18 MENTAL HYGIENE CLINIC. CARLO BEGAN HIS CAREER WITH THE CHILD
19 DEVELOPMENT PSYCHIATRY DIVISION. HE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF
20 86. KATHLEEN "KAY" BITTEL, A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF THE
21 ANTELOPE VALLEY. RICHARD LEO ELLIS, WHO OWNED THE SAINT RAFAEL
22 PRESS PRINTING COMPANY, SAINT RAFAEL PRESS BOOKS AND GIFTS AND
23 CAMPUSUP COMPUTER SUPPLY COMPANY IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY.
24 DURING WORLD WAR II, HE WAS A U.S. MERCHANT IN THE MARINE
25 WHERE LATER HE CO-FOUNDED THE BENEDICTINE MONASTERY FOR THE



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1 PHYSICALLY DISABLED AND LIVED A MONASTIC LIFE FOR 10 YEARS. HE
2 LATER MARRIED PAUL, MOVED TO THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AND JOINED
3 THE GRAPHIC ARTS CLUB, WHERE HE OPENED HIS OWN BUSINESS. HE
4 LEAVES HIS WIFE, PAULA, AND SEVEN CHILDREN. JOHN BROOKS, OF
5 THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, PASSED AWAY. AND SERGEANT THOMAS MCFALL
6 OF GLENDORA, WHO WAS KILLED IN IRAQ. SO I'D MOVE ADJOURNMENTS
7 IN THOSE...

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. NUMBER 90-- I GUESS IT'S 60-- OR 75, IS
12 IT C OR D RELATIVE TO APPLYING THE BROWN ACT PROVISIONS TO ALL
13 CLUSTER MEETINGS CONDUCTED UNDER THE NEWLY CREATED GOVERNANCE
14 MODEL FOR THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE. MY CONCERNS THAT THE
15 PROPOSAL THAT'S BEEN ADOPTED BY A MAJORITY OF THIS BOARD
16 LEAVES WIDE OPEN THE OPEN THE DOOR FOR SECRET MANIPULATIONS
17 AND HIDING OF ISSUES FROM THE PUBLIC. THE BROWN ACT WAS AN
18 INTENT TO ENSURE THAT ALL ISSUES WOULD BE OPEN FOR PUBLIC
19 AWARENESS, PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT, EXCEPT FOR THOSE MATTERS
20 DEALING WITH POTENTIAL LITIGATION. AND, AS A RESULT, WE HAVE
21 STRIVED TO ABIDE BY THAT STATE LAW. THIS PROPOSAL THAT'S
22 BEFORE US TODAY LEAVES WIDE OPEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE
23 MATTERS BEHIND CLOSED DOORS. AND WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE IS
24 TO ENSURE THAT THE BROWN ACT APPLY TO THESE DELIBERATIONS SO
25 THAT THE OPEN GOVERNMENT WOULD REMAIN THE POLICY OF THIS BOARD



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1 AND WE WOULD NOT BE TRYING TO SKIRT THOSE PUBLIC DISCUSSIONS
2 BEHIND CLOSED DOORS, WHICH, IN MY OPINION, WOULD WORK TO THE
3 DETRIMENT OF THE PUBLIC'S BEST INTERESTS. THERE WERE PEOPLE
4 WHO WILL SIGNED UP ON THIS ITEM, MR. CHAIRMAN.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YES, THERE ARE SEVERAL WHO HAVE
7 SIGNED UP. DR. CLAVREUL. LET'S START WITH KAREN OCAMB. PETER
8 DELVECCHIO AND THEN DR. CLAVREUL. ALL RIGHT. START THE CLOCK.
9 GO AHEAD, MS. OCAMB.

10

11 **KAREN OCAMB:** HI, MY NAME IS KAREN OCAMB AND I AM THE NEWS
12 EDITOR FOR "IN LOS ANGELES" MAGAZINE AND THE L.A. PRESS CLUB
13 HAS ALSO ASKED ME TO REPRESENT THEM TODAY. FIRST OF ALL, I
14 WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH FOR BEING SUCH A STAUNCH
15 SUPPORTER OF GOOD OPEN GOVERNMENT. WE'RE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT
16 SECRECY. I'M HERE IN SUPPORT OF SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S TWO
17 MOTIONS REQUIRING THAT CLUSTER MEETINGS CHAIRED BY C.E.O.
18 DEPUTIES BE SUBJECT TO THE BROWN ACT. WE ARE EXTREMELY
19 CONCERNED THAT THE C.E.O. CAN CALL MEETINGS WITHOUT NOTIFYING
20 AN INTERESTED PUBLIC OR EVEN THE BOARD DEPUTIES. ADDITIONALLY,
21 SINCE THE UNELECTED C.E.O. DOES NOT CONSIDER ITS OFFICE TO BE
22 SUBJECT TO THE BROWN ACT, WE ARE CONCERNED THAT EVEN IF OUR
23 CONDUITS TO YOU, YOUR BOARD DEPUTIES, DO ATTEND THESE CLUSTER
24 MEETINGS, THEY MAY NOT BE ABLE TO SHARE INFORMATION DEEMED
25 CONFIDENTIAL IN THE CONFINES OF A STAFF MEETING. YOU KNOW THAT



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1 WE ARE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT H.I.V., A.I.D.S., S.T.D.S AND THE
2 CRYSTAL METH EPIDEMIC AND WE DEPEND ON ACCESS TO THE HEALTH
3 DEPUTY'S MEETINGS FOR INFORMATION. WE BELIEVE THAT WE WILL BE
4 DENIED THAT ACCESS IF YOU MAKE THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS
5 SECRET. THIS IS NOT GOOD GOVERNMENT. WE AGREE THAT THE
6 ADMINISTRATION OF THE COUNTY MAY WELL BE SERVED BY
7 STREAMLINING ACCOUNTABILITY, BUT PLEASE DO NOT SACRIFICE GOOD
8 OPEN GOVERNMENT PRINCIPLES ON THE ALTAR OF EXPEDIENCY. PLEASE
9 SUPPORT THESE MOTIONS. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, MR. DELVECCHIO.

12

13 **PETER DELVECCHIO:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS PETER DELVECCHIO.
14 I'M A PRACTICING ATTORNEY AND ALSO REPORT ON METH ISSUES FOR
15 "IN MAGAZINE L.A." AND I'M INVOLVED WITH THE X-METH ALLIANCE
16 AND I'M ALSO HERE TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF SUPERVISOR
17 ANTONOVICH'S RECOMMENDATIONS. THIS BOARD HAS CORRECTLY
18 RECOGNIZED THAT BEATING THE METH EPIDEMIC IS GOING TO REQUIRE
19 A JOINT EFFORT BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND CONCERNED MEMBERS OF THE
20 PUBLIC. THE APRIL 10TH, 2007 REPORT THAT WAS PRODUCED BY THE
21 VARIOUS AGENCIES REFLECTS THAT THE BOARD, "ASKED THAT D.P.H.'S
22 METHAMPHETAMINE WORKGROUP BE EXPANDED TO INCLUDE COMMUNITY
23 SERVICE AGENCIES SERVING AT RISK POPULATIONS AND COMMUNITIES
24 OF COLOR." WITHOUT SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S RECOMMENDATION
25 BEING PASSED, THAT JOINT EFFORT WILL LARGELY BE SCUTTLED. IF



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1 MEETINGS ARE TAKING PLACE BEHIND CLOSED DOORS, IF THE ONLY
2 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IS FROM RECIPIENTS OF GRANTS OR OTHER
3 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT THE BUREAUCRATS MAY SEEK TO SOLICIT
4 INFORMATION FROM, THEN THERE WILL NOT BE THE REQUIRED INPUT
5 FROM THE PUBLIC AT LARGE AND THAT'S REALLY NOT SOMETHING WE
6 CAN AFFORD RIGHT NOW. THE METH REPORT THAT WAS GIVEN TO THE
7 BOARD A COUPLE OF MONTHS AGO MAKES IT CLEAR BEYOND ANY DOUBT
8 THAT METH IS A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THE
9 TIME FOR TALK HAS LONG PASSED. THE TIME FOR ACTION, JOINT
10 ACTION BY THE GOVERNMENT AND BY PEOPLE LIKE THE X-METH
11 ALLIANCE WAS YESTERDAY. MORE AND MORE OF THE CITIZENS THAT YOU
12 ARE ELECTED TO SERVE AND PROTECT ARE GETTING HOOKED ON METH
13 EVERY DAY. MORE AND MORE CITIZENS' LIVES ARE BEING DESTROYED.
14 AND, AS THE REPORT TOLD YOU, MORE AND MORE DRUG RESISTANT
15 STRAINS OF H.I.V. ARE APPEARING EVERY DAY. WE'RE GOING TO WAKE
16 UP ONE DAY SOON AND HAVE A WHOLE NEW A.I.D.S. CRISIS ON OUR
17 HANDS. IT WILL BE 1983 ALL OVER AGAIN AND PEOPLE ARE GOING TO
18 WANT TO KNOW WHY. PERHAPS WORST OF ALL, SO-CALLED CANDY METH,
19 WHICH IS COLORED, FLAVORED CRYSTAL METH, IS BEING HANDED OUT
20 TO KIDS ON SCHOOL YARDS AND IN PLAYGROUNDS. CHILDREN ARE GOING
21 TO DIE. WE STAND AT A CRUCIAL POINT IN THE FIGHT AGAINST METH
22 AND IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK LIKE THE COUNTY'S EFFORTS ARE GOING
23 TO SINK INTO THE BUREAUCRATIC SWAMP BECAUSE THE PUBLIC
24 PARTICIPATION THAT'S SO NECESSARY LOOKS LIKE IT'S GOING TO BE
25 CUT OUT. PUBLIC INPUT ON THIS ISSUE IS ABSOLUTELY



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1 INDISPENSABLE. YOUR AGENCIES CERTAINLY HAVE PROFESSIONAL
2 EXPERTISE, THEIR REPORT DEMONSTRATES THAT BUT THEY CAN'T DO IT
3 ALONE. WE ARE YOUR TROOPS ON THE GROUND. WE'RE THE ONES WHO
4 LIVE WITH THE METH CRISIS EVERY DAY. WE'RE THE ONES WITH OUR
5 FINGER ON THE PULSE OF THIS THING. IF YOU CUT THE PUBLIC OUT
6 OF IT, THEN YOUR AGENCIES WILL BE FLYING BLIND AND WE ALL KNOW
7 THAT THEY'RE OVERBURDENED SO THEY MAY CHOOSE NOT TO FLY AT ALL
8 AND THAT WOULD BE DISASTROUS. SO PLEASE, PLEASE PASS THIS
9 MEASURE.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. DR. CLAVREUL?

12

13 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES, GOOD MORNING, GOSH. DR. GENEVIEVE
14 CLAVREUL. WELL, I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH FOR
15 THOSE TWO MOTIONS. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT WE KEEP THE BROWN ACT
16 READY TO BE FUNCTIONING ALL THE TIME. I MEAN, THIS BOARD
17 SPENDS SO MUCH TIME TO PREVENT TRANSPARENCY. IT'S PATHETIC.
18 AND I THINK IT'S SO EASY TO DO THE RIGHT THING. I THINK, IN
19 CALIFORNIA, WE ARE VERY FORTUNATE TO HAVE THE BROWN ACT TO
20 MAKE YOU HAVE A SENSE OF OPENNESS AND YOU SPEND SO MUCH EFFORT
21 NOT TO DO IT. I MEAN, THIS BOARD HAS VIOLATED THE BROWN ACT
22 REPEATEDLY. YOU HAVE A COUNTY COUNSEL WHO DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT
23 THE BROWN ACT IS AND SHOULD BE SENT BACK OVER AND OVER AGAIN
24 TO TAKE COURSES IN IT. I MEAN, I DON'T KNOW IF THEIR ENGLISH
25 COMPREHENSION IS SO LOW THEY CANNOT COMPREHEND THE WRITTEN



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1 WORD BUT CERTAINLY THEY DON'T KNOW HOW TO APPLY IT. AND I
2 THINK, YOU KNOW, IT WOULD BE EASY TO EDUCATE THEM THAN TO
3 PREVENT TO HAVE THE BROWN ACT. ALSO, I WANT TO TAKE THE
4 OPPORTUNITY TO REQUEST THE EMAILS THAT SUPERVISOR ZEV
5 YAROSLAVSKY SENT TO DAVID JANSSEN THE OTHER DAY. SINCE HE
6 MENTIONED IN PUBLIC, IT IS ACCESSIBLE UNDER THE PUBLIC RECORD
7 AND I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A COPY OF IT. AND I WOULD LIKE TO PUT
8 IT IN WRITING, ALSO, EVEN SO I DON'T HAVE TO PUT IT IN
9 WRITING. AND SINCE THE OTHER SUPERVISORS HAVE NOT EVEN ACCESS
10 TO THAT, YOU DON'T EVEN HIDE FROM THE PUBLIC, YOU HIDE FROM
11 THE OTHER SUPERVISORS. I THINK THAT I HOPE YOU'RE GOING TO
12 SHOW LEADERSHIP.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

15

16 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** AND SO, YOU KNOW, SUPPORT THE BROWN
17 ACT.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THERE IS
20 NOBODY ELSE WISHES TO BE HEARD. PUBLIC HEARING IS CLOSED. MR.
21 KNABE?

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH, I JUST, I WANT TO ASK COUNTY COUNSEL, I'M
24 NOT QUITE SURE THE HEALTH DEPUTY'S MEETING WOULD NOT, BECAUSE



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1 OF THE NEW MAKEUP, WOULD NOT BE EXCLUDED FROM THE BROWN ACT
2 JUST LIKE THEY ARE RIGHT NOW, CORRECT?

3

4 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** MR. CHAIRMAN, SUPERVISOR KNABE, NO,
5 THE HEALTH DEPUTY'S MEETINGS, TO THE EXTENT THOSE WERE TO
6 CONTINUE ON, AS YOU KNOW, ARE COVERED AS A MATTER OF YOUR
7 BOARD'S POLICY.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE:** IN OTHER WORDS, I MEAN, BUT ALSO IF THEY WERE
10 CONVENED, THE HEALTH DEPUTY'S MEETING WERE CONVENED WITH THE
11 DEPUTY C.E.O. IN ATTENDANCE, THEY, TOO, WOULD COME UNDER THE
12 BROWN ACT, IS THAT CORRECT?

13

14 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** THAT IS CORRECT.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** SO, I MEAN, I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY THEY'D BE
17 EXCLUDED. I THINK MR. ANTONOVICH IS REFERRING TO CLUSTERS MORE
18 THAN HE IS ANY OF THE EXISTING MEETINGS THAT ARE BROWN ACT
19 REQUIRED.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'M REFERRING TO THOSE MEETINGS, WHATEVER
22 NAME THEY WILL CREATE OR COME UP WITH, WHERE YOU HAVE THE
23 C.E.O., DEPARTMENT HEADS, INCLUDING COUNTY COUNSEL, DISCUSSING
24 POLICY. AND, AT THOSE MEETINGS, WE NEED TO HAVE BOARD
25 REPRESENTATION AND THEY OUGHT TO BE UNDER THE BROWN ACT. THEY



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1 OUGHT NOT TO BE EXCLUSIVE, BEHIND THE DOOR DECISION-MAKING
2 MEETINGS. THE COUNTY COUNSEL WORKS FOR THE BOARD OF
3 SUPERVISORS. THE COUNTY COUNSEL IS OUR ATTORNEY REFLECTING OUR
4 POLICY. AND WHILE THEY SAW ALSO ASSIST DEPARTMENTS, THEIR
5 PRIMARY ROLE IS ASSISTING THE BOARD AND OUR POLICIES, IN
6 CARRYING OUT OUR POLICY, AND WE'VE HAD SOME VERY SPIRITED
7 DISCUSSIONS IN THE PAST ON THIS ISSUE WHERE SOME COUNTY
8 COUNSELS WERE NOT REFLECTING THE POLICY OF THE BOARD BUT
9 UNILATERALLY MAKING COSTLY DECISIONS THAT THE MAJORITY OF THIS
10 BOARD FELT WERE WRONG DECISIONS AND IMPACTED THE FISCAL HEALTH
11 OF THIS COUNTY. SO, I MEAN, YOU'RE HAVING COUNTY COUNSEL
12 MAKING THESE-- INVOLVED IN THESE MEETINGS, MAKING THESE
13 DECISIONS WITH THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENT HEADS. THAT SHOULD FALL
14 WITH THE BROWN ACT BEING OPEN. OPEN, FLUID DISCUSSIONS. IF IT
15 INVOLVES A LAWSUIT, THAT'S A DIFFERENT MATTER. THOSE ARE
16 ALLOWED UNDER THE BROWN ACT TO BE OUTSIDE OF PUBLIC PURVIEW
17 BECAUSE IT'S LITIGATION THAT WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN THE COURT.
18 BUT TALKING ABOUT PUBLIC POLICY, THAT OUGHT TO BE OPEN, FLUID
19 DISCUSSIONS, NOT EXCLUDING THE PUBLIC. I MEAN, WE REPRESENT
20 THE PUBLIC; THEREFORE, WE ARE THEIR VOICE AND THEIR EYES AND
21 EARS AND WE SHOULDN'T BE OPERATING IN A CLOSED ENVIRONMENT.
22 THAT'S NOT THE SYSTEM OF OUR GOVERNMENT.

23



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THERE WAS A REQUEST TO PUT
2 THIS OVER A WEEK AND I WOULD SUPPORT THAT BECAUSE MR. JANSSEN
3 WILL BE HERE, IS THAT CORRECT, NEXT WEEK?

4

5 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, PLUS THE FACT WE JUST GOT THE COUNTY COUNSEL
6 THING THIS MORNING, WE HAVEN'T HAD A CHANCE TO LOOK AT IT.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I JUST GOT IT AS I WAS SITTING
9 HERE AND I THINK WE OUGHT TO HAVE ALL THE PRINCIPLES INVOLVED.
10 SO IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO PUTTING THIS OVER A WEEK? I KNOW
11 YOU...

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU KNOW, THE POLICY OUGHT TO BE OPENNESS AND
14 NOT CONTINUANCE. I MEAN, YOU KNOW, WE CAN CONTINUE IT AND
15 CONTINUE IT, THAT'S FINE, BUT THE POLICY SHOULD BE, WHAT CAN
16 WE DO TO ENSURE THAT WE ALWAYS HAVE OPENNESS? NOT TRYING TO
17 SKIRT IT. AND, TO ME, WHEN WE DELAY IT, IT SEEMS LIKE WE'RE
18 TRYING TO FIND A LOOPHOLE.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, I DISAGREE WITH THAT. I MEAN, I JUST ASKED
21 THE QUESTION. THE HEALTH DEPUTY'S MEETING IS NOT EVEN EXCLUDED
22 FROM THE BROWN ACT. IT IS STILL INCLUDED IN THE BROWN ACT. IF
23 THE DEPUTY C.E.O. COMES TO A HEALTH DEPUTY'S MEETING OR A
24 PUBLIC SAFETY DEPUTY'S MEETING, IT'S THE BROWN ACT. I MEAN,
25 AND THEN WE GOT, YOU KNOW, SORT OF AN OPINION HERE WE GOT FROM



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1 THE COUNTY COUNSEL TODAY THAT WE JUST GOT, WE REALLY HAVEN'T
2 HAD A CHANCE TO EVALUATE WHETHER WE HAVE TO DO ANYTHING OR
3 NOT.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE:** WERE YOU-- GO AHEAD.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I'M SORRY, I DIDN'T SEE YOU. GO
8 AHEAD.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M TRYING TO UNDERSTAND. I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM
11 WITH CONTINUING IT. I THINK IT WOULD BE WORTHWHILE TO HAVE
12 DAVID JANSSEN'S INPUT INTO IT. BUT, UNDER SUPERVISOR
13 ANTONOVICH'S MOTION, THAT REQUIRES THAT C.E.O. CLUSTER
14 MEETINGS INCLUDE BOARD DEPUTIES, I THINK THAT IS ALREADY
15 INTENDED, IS IT NOT?

16

17 **DEPUTY C.A.O. SHARON HARPER:** THAT IS CORRECT, SUPERVISOR.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT IS, YES.

20

21 **DEPUTY C.A.O. SHARON HARPER:** ANY TIME THAT THERE ARE POLICY
22 ISSUES BEING DISCUSSED, BOARD DEPUTIES WERE INTENDED TO BE IN
23 THESE MEETINGS.

24



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S CORRECT. SO THAT'S ALREADY THERE. SO, FOR
2 THE MOST PART, THAT IS ADDRESSED UNDER THE PRESENT. WHAT IS
3 UNCLEAR IS THAT, ANY TIME SOMEBODY GETS TOGETHER TO DISCUSS
4 ONGOING ISSUES THAT'S NOT A "TIME CERTAIN CLUSTER MEETING",
5 JUST WHEN A COUPLE OF PEOPLE ARE GETTING TOGETHER, THAT
6 DOESN'T NECESSARILY GET COVERED UNDER THESE PROVISIONS. BUT
7 THOSE THAT ARE ASSIGNED, THAT ARE SET IN TIME WITH AGENDAS AND
8 SO ON, THOSE ARE TO BE, AS I UNDERSTAND, TO BE COVERED UNDER
9 THE PROVISIONS NOW. AND MR. ANTONOVICH'S MOTION, DOES IT
10 EXTEND BEYOND THAT? IT DOESN'T SEEM TO, TO ME. I WANT TO
11 CLARIFY THAT.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I THINK HE HAS TWO MOTIONS AND ONE
14 OF THEM IS...

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO, THAT'S A DIFFERENT ONE. BUT, ON THE FIRST
17 ONE, WITH REGARD TO CLUSTER, DOES IT GO BEYOND THAT OTHER THAN
18 THE ASSIGNED MEETINGS? I MEAN, I DON'T WANT TO SEE THAT, IF
19 SOMEBODY DECIDES TO GET TOGETHER AND LET'S SAY DISCUSS
20 STYROFOAM WITH PUBLIC WORKS AND TO GET A BETTER UNDERSTANDING
21 OF A DEFINITION OF SOMETHING OR SOMETHING, AND A COUPLE OF
22 DEPUTIES GET TOGETHER, YOU KNOW, IN ORDER TO ADVANCE THE ISSUE
23 FOR MAYBE THE NEXT MEETING, THAT THAT'S GOING TO BE COVERED
24 UNDER THIS. I WOULD ASSUME THAT IT WOULD NOT.

25



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1 **DEPUTY C.A.O. SHARON HARPER:** IT WOULD NOT BE COVERED.
2 INFORMATION GATHERING MEETINGS IN WHICH WE'RE LOOKING AT
3 ISSUES MAYBE REGARDING COST AND THE LEGALITIES OF WHAT'S GOING
4 TO BE DISCUSSED WOULD NOT BE IN THE BROWN ACT. BUT ANY TIME WE
5 BROUGHT TOGETHER A POLICY-GENERATING MEETING IN WHICH POLICY
6 INFORMATION WAS GOING TO BE DISCUSSED, THEN BEING FORWARDED TO
7 THIS BOARD FOR ULTIMATE APPROVAL, THAT WOULD BE COVERED UNDER
8 THE BROWN ACT.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. AND JUST TO CLARIFY, THEN, I THINK
11 THAT ANYONE-- AND ANYONE WHO KEEPS READING ANYTHING
12 DIFFERENTLY INTO THIS IS MAKING A HUGE MISTAKE. THIS IS NOT
13 INTENDED TO KEEP THE PUBLIC FROM KNOWING WHAT WE'RE DOING.
14 THIS IS NOT INTENDED TO NOT BE TRANSPARENT. THIS IS NOT
15 INTENDED TO GET ELECTED OFFICIALS NOT TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON
16 IN THEIR RESPECTIVE, RESPONSIBLE AREAS. IT IS TO CARRY OUT THE
17 WORK. I MEAN, EVERY SINGLE DAY, THE 100,000 EMPLOYEES THAT ARE
18 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES, THAT ARE OUR EMPLOYEES, ARE DOING THE WORK
19 OF THE COUNTY EVERY SINGLE DAY. AND SO-- WHETHER IT BE
20 CARRYING OUT THEIR JOB DESCRIPTION OR GATHERING INFORMATION
21 FOR US. SO THIS IS NOT TAKING ANYTHING AWAY. IN FACT, IT JUST
22 CONTINUES THE POLICY THAT WE'VE HAD WITH DEPUTY MEETINGS IN
23 THE PAST. THESE ARE GOING TO BE ASSIGNED CLUSTER MEETINGS THAT
24 EVERYONE WILL KNOW. EVERYONE CAN ATTEND. AND THOSE ARE GOING
25 TO BE-- IT JUST DOESN'T MEAN THAT, WHILE SOMEBODY GOES AND



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1 SETS UP A MEETING WITH PUBLIC WORKS, INVITES MY DEPUTY,
2 BECAUSE WE AUTHORED THE MOTION, AND MAYBE SOMEBODY ELSE
3 BECAUSE THEY WANT A CLARIFICATION ON A DEFINITION, THAT
4 NECESSARILY WE'D HAVE TO ANNOUNCE IT, WE'D HAVE TO PUT, YOU
5 KNOW, PUT TOGETHER AN AGENDA AND HAVE IT. I THINK THAT THAT
6 WILL IMPEDE THE EFFICIENCY AND THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE WORK.
7 THERE'S NO DOUBT WHEN IT COMES TO THE FULL MEETING AND THERE
8 MIGHT BE A DETERMINATION THIS IS A BETTER DEFINITION THAN THIS
9 DEFINITION OR WHERE DECISIONS MIGHT BE RECOMMENDED TO COME TO
10 US, THEN THOSE ARE OPEN. SO I WANT TO UNDERSTAND THAT THAT IS
11 THE DIFFERENCE. THE OTHER PART OF MR. ANTONOVICH'S SECOND
12 MOTION, 75-D, AND HE ALSO REQUIRES THAT THOSE BE GOVERNED BY
13 THE BROWN ACT. NOW, IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING, AND CORRECT ME IF
14 I'M WRONG, THAT, UNDER THOSE CLUSTER MEETINGS THAT I JUST
15 ADDRESSED, THE ONES WITH AGENDA, THAT ARE GIVEN AT A TIME
16 CERTAIN, THOSE ARE ALSO COVERED BY THE BROWN ACT UNDER THIS
17 PROVISION; IS THAT CORRECT?

18

19 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,
20 IT SHOULD BE CLEAR THAT, WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE REGULARLY
21 SCHEDULED MEETINGS, IF THEY ARE POLICY MEETINGS CALLED
22 TOGETHER THAT INCLUDE THREE OR MORE BOARD DEPUTIES FOR THE
23 PURPOSE OF DEVELOPING POLICY, EVEN IF THEY'RE AD HOC, THEY
24 WOULD NEED TO BE NOTICED AND NOTICED TO THE PUBLIC AND OPEN TO
25 THE PUBLIC.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** UNDER THE BROWN ACT PROVISIONS.

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4 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** THAT IS CORRECT. THE FACT THAT THEY
5 ARE NOT REGULARLY SCHEDULED...

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7 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT IF, IN FACT, TWO DEPUTIES GOT TOGETHER AND
8 WENT OVER AND MET WITH PUBLIC WORKS TO DEFINE SOMETHING ON THE
9 STYROFOAM MOTION, THAT WOULD NOT REQUIRE...

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11 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** IF THEY WERE GATHERING INFORMATION OR
12 WONDERING WHAT THE PLAN WAS, THEN THAT WOULD NOT BE COVERED BY
13 THE BROWN ACT AS IT IS NOT TODAY.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO THEN, AGAIN, UNDER THIS MOTION, AS I READ HIS
16 MOTION AS IT STANDS, THAT IS ALREADY THE INTENT AND THAT WOULD
17 BE UNDER THE APPROPRIATE COVERAGE OF THE BROWN ACT. SO THE
18 PEOPLE WHO ARE MISINTERPRETING THIS AS WE ARE DENYING
19 TRANSPARENCY, WE ARE DENYING OVERSIGHT, WE ARE DENYING
20 PARTICIPATION OF THE PUBLIC WOULD NOT BE TRUE BECAUSE IT WOULD
21 JUST BE THE PROCESS OF GATHERING INFORMATION, CARRYING OUT
22 WORK AND SO ON. SO THAT THAT WOULD BE NO DIFFERENT THAN WE
23 HAVE TODAY UNDER ANY OTHER MEETINGS AND THAT IS NOT DENYING
24 FOLKS TODAY, IS THAT CORRECT?

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1 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** THAT IS CORRECT. UNDER YOUR CURRENT
2 BOARD POLICY, IF A MEETING INVOLVES THREE OR MORE DEPUTIES AND
3 IS HELD TO CONSIDER A MATTER THAT WILL BE BROUGHT TO THE
4 AGENDA WITHIN 30 DAYS, I BELIEVE THE BOARD'S CURRENT POLICY
5 READS, THAT MEETING SHOULD BE HELD CONSISTENT WITH THE BROWN
6 ACT. EVEN THOUGH WE DON'T THINK IT'S LITERALLY REQUIRED BY THE
7 BROWN ACT, THAT'S YOUR BOARD'S POLICY AND SO THAT HAS OCCURRED
8 WITH THE HEALTH DEPUTIES AND THE OTHER DEPUTY GROUPS. THAT
9 POLICY, IF THE MEETING WERE BROUGHT TOGETHER INVOLVING THREE
10 OR MORE DEPUTIES, IT WASN'T NECESSARILY A POLICY-GENERATING
11 MEETING BUT WAS AN INFORMATION-GATHERING MEETING, AS THE
12 HEALTH DEPUTY'S MEETING TODAY, THAT WOULD BE, BY POLICY,
13 COVERED BY THE ACT. YOU COULD CHANGE THAT POLICY IF YOU
14 WANTED. BUT, IF THE MEETING IS A POLICY MEETING TO PREPARE AND
15 ARRIVE AT A POLICY TO BRING TO THE BOARD, WE BELIEVE THAT IS
16 COVERED BY THE BROWN ACT.

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18 **SUP. MOLINA:** OKAY. WELL, I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM SUPPORTING MR.
19 ANTONOVICH'S MOTION. WHAT I DO HAVE A PROBLEM WITH, AND I
20 REALLY WANT TO EMPHASIZE THIS, AND I DON'T KNOW HOW WE'RE
21 GOING TO GET TO GO ON THIS ONE. YOU KNOW, GETTING LEGAL
22 ANALYSIS THE MORNING OF IS JUST NOT HELPFUL TO THE DISCUSSION.
23 I HAVEN'T READ IT ALL. I KNOW MY STAFF HAS READ IT AND THEY'RE
24 PUTTING TOGETHER INFORMATION FOR ME ON IT BUT I REALLY DO
25 THINK THAT, IN ORDER TO HAVE A HEALTHY DISCUSSION, WE HAVE TO



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1 HAVE THIS INFORMATION BEFOREHAND. SO WE NEED TO FIND THOSE
2 WAYS THAT WE'RE GOING TO GET INFORMATION MUCH QUICKER THAN
3 WE'RE GETTING IT. WE SAID THAT WE WOULD DO SO AND WE DON'T
4 SEEM TO BE GOING THERE. SO, JUST FOR THE PURPOSES OF AT LEAST
5 GETTING AN OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE A BETTER HANDLE ON THE COUNTY
6 COUNSEL MEMO THAT WAS ISSUED, AS I UNDERSTAND THIS MORNING, I
7 WOULDN'T MIND CONTINUING AND HAVING THAT DISCUSSION WITH MR.
8 JANSSEN SO WE FULLY UNDERSTAND, ALTHOUGH I JUST WANT MY
9 COLLEAGUES TO UNDERSTAND THAT, UNDER THESE MOTIONS, I DON'T
10 SEE A PROBLEM WITH GETTING THEM APPROVED BECAUSE THEY JUST
11 CONTINUE, FOR THE MOST PART, OR EVEN CLARIFY THE INTENT OF
12 WHAT WAS ALREADY INCLUDED IN THE ORIGINAL MOTION AS I
13 UNDERSTAND.

14

15 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA, MR. CHAIRMAN, IF I
16 MAY JUST RESPOND BRIEFLY. PART OF THE DIFFICULTY HERE WAS WE
17 WANTED TO, IN MY OFFICE, FULLY UNDERSTAND THE TYPES OF
18 MEETINGS THAT WOULD BE HELD WITHIN THE CLUSTER STRUCTURE
19 BECAUSE SOME OF THOSE MEETINGS ARE COVERED BY THE BROWN ACT
20 AND SOME ARE NOT AND THERE HAS BEEN SOME DISCUSSION OVER THE
21 LAST COUPLE OF WEEKS ABOUT...

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO YOU NEED FURTHER CLARIFICATION.

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1 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** SO I THINK WE ARE THERE AND THAT IS
2 WHY I WAS ABLE TO SIGN THE OPINION THIS MORNING AND I'M SORRY
3 THAT WE COULDN'T GET TO THAT UNDERSTANDING EARLIER SO YOU
4 WOULD HAVE HAD EVEN MORE KNOWLEDGE TO LOOK AT IT. BUT THE
5 MOTIONS THEMSELVES, TAKEN TOGETHER, I THINK WE WOULD WANT TO
6 CLARIFY AT THAT POINT BECAUSE, AS I UNDERSTAND THE TWO
7 MOTIONS, ONE IS TO REQUIRE THAT ALL CLUSTER MEETINGS-- AND WE
8 SEE THAT THERE ARE SORT OF THREE TYPES OF CLUSTER MEETINGS--
9 THAT ALL OF THEM WOULD INCLUDE BOARD DEPUTIES. AND THEN THE
10 SECOND MOTION IS THAT THEY SHOULD BE SUBJECT TO THE BROWN ACT.
11 TAKEN TOGETHER, THOSE MOTIONS COULD BE READ TO MEAN AND THE
12 EFFECT OF THEM WOULD MEAN THAT ALL CLUSTER MEETINGS WILL HAVE
13 AT LEAST THREE DEPUTIES AND THEY WILL ALL BE SUBJECT TO THE
14 BROWN ACT. AND WE THINK THAT THE ADMINISTRATIVE-TYPE MEETINGS,
15 THE CALENDARING MEETINGS ARE NOT LEGALLY SUBJECT TO THE BROWN
16 ACT. THEY COULD BE AS A MATTER OF POLICY. AND SO I WANT THE
17 BOARD TO BE CLEAR THAT THEY...

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19 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, I DON'T THINK IT IS CLEAR AND I THINK WE DO
20 NEED TO HAVE IT MADE CLEARER. I WANT US ALL TO UNDERSTAND
21 EXACTLY, YOU KNOW, WHAT WE ARE EMPOWERING THESE PEOPLE TO DO.

22

23 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** AND WE AGREE.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO IF A CONTINUANCE WOULD ALLOW-- IT CERTAINLY
2 WOULD ALLOW FOR MORE CLARIFICATION FOR ME ON THE COUNTY
3 COUNSEL MEMO, SO I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM BUT THE INTENT OF MR.
4 ANTONOVICH'S MOTION DO NOT-- IT SEEMS IT GOES WITH WHAT WE ARE
5 TRYING TO DO HERE. SO I DON'T WANT TO CREATE-- AND THE PUBLIC
6 IS GETTING THIS IMPRESSION THAT, "OH NO, WE DON'T WANT THE
7 BROWN ACT TO COVER, OH NO, WE DON'T WANT TRANSPARENCY, OH NO,
8 WE'RE TRYING TO HIDE SOMETHING". THAT IS NOT THE CASE, AS I
9 UNDERSTAND IT, SO I HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH A CONTINUANCE AND
10 GETTING THE KIND OF CLARIFICATIONS THAT WE NEED. BUT,
11 HOPEFULLY IN THE FUTURE, WE CAN GET MORE TIMELY MEMOS THAT
12 ASSIST US IN MAKING THESE DECISIONS.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WOULD SAY TWO WEEKS BECAUSE I'M NOT HERE
15 NEXT WEEK, SUPERVISOR. WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT IS C.A.O.
16 WITHOUT BOARD DEPUTIES. THAT'S MY CONCERN. AND, SECONDLY, WHEN
17 SHARON USES THE WORD "MAY INCLUDE" DEPUTIES, IT OUGHT TO READ
18 INCLUDE "SHALL INCLUDE DEPUTIES", NOT PERMISSIVE BUT
19 MANDATORY. IF WE COULD CONTINUE IT FOR TWO WEEKS...

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** NUMBER ONE, ONE SECOND, MS. BURKE,
22 YOU'RE NEXT. I DON'T HAVE AN OBJECTION TO TWO WEEKS WHEN MR.
23 ANTONOVICH CAN BE HERE BUT-- AND ONE OF THE THINGS I NEED TO
24 HAVE CLARIFIED FROM MR. JANSSEN, I THINK THE MISTAKE HE MADE,



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1 IF IT IS A MISTAKE, IS HAVING THIS RIGHT HAND OF THIS CHART
2 HERE. YOU MEET ALL THE TIME, DON'T YOU?

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4 **SHARON HARPER:** YES, WE DO.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YOU DON'T SIT YOUR OFFICE BY
7 YOURSELF WITH YOUR DOOR CLOSED, DO YOU MS. HARPER?

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9 **SHARON HARPER:** NO.

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11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** DO YOU TALK TO OTHER PEOPLE IN
12 YOUR OFFICE?

13

14 **SHARON HARPER:** YES, ALL THE

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** DO YOU TALK TO DEPARTMENT HEADS
17 AND ASSISTANT DEPARTMENT HEADS AROUND THE COUNTY?

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19 **SHARON HARPER:** ABSOLUTELY.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** DO YOU TALK ABOUT ITEMS THAT ARE
22 COMING UP ON THE AGENDA?

23

24 **SHARON HARPER:** YES.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** DO YOU INVITE ME OR MY DEPUTIES,
2 ALL OF OUR DEPUTIES COLLECTIVELY TO SIT IN THOSE MEETINGS THAT
3 YOU HAVE WITH ASSISTANT DEPARTMENT HEADS?

4

5 **SHARON HARPER:** NO, WE DON'T.

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S ESSENTIALLY-- LET ME
8 FINISH. ESSENTIALLY, THAT'S WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT AND SOMEHOW
9 IT GOT ELEVATED TO-- AND WITH ALL DUE RESPECT TO THE PEOPLE
10 WHO TESTIFIED, YOU DON'T HAVE A RIGHT TO BE IN EVERY MEETING
11 IN THIS BUILDING. AND NEITHER DO I. PEOPLE HAVE A RIGHT TO
12 HAVE A CONVERSATION ABOUT THINGS THAT ARE WITHIN THEIR COURSE
13 OR SCOPE OF THEIR EMPLOYMENT. IT'S NOT A MATTER OF SECRECY.
14 IT'S JUST A MATTER THAT NOT EVERY DELIBERATION, NOT EVERY
15 CONVERSATION, NOT EVERY PHONE CALL, NOT EVERY EMAIL-- NOT
16 EVERY EMAIL IS SHARED PUBLICLY, ALTHOUGH IT WOULD SURE BE
17 INTERESTING IF THEY WERE. ENOUGH SAID ABOUT THAT. SO I REALLY
18 THINK THAT THIS COUNTY POLICY PIECE IS REALLY INTENDED TO
19 INFORM US OF THE WAY THE C.E.O. IS GOING TO DO BUSINESS.
20 THAT'S THE WAY I READ IT AND I WANT TO-- MAYBE I MISUNDERSTOOD
21 IT, MAYBE NOT, BUT I WANT THE AUTHOR OF THIS TO BE HERE. IT'S
22 NOT FAIR TO YOU TO SPEAK FOR MR. JANSSEN ON SOMETHING LIKE
23 THIS. SO THAT'S NUMBER ONE. NUMBER TWO, IF THAT IS HIS INTENT,
24 IF THAT WAS HIS INTENT IN DESCRIBING THIS, THEN REQUIRING THAT
25 EVERY BOARD OFFICE BE REPRESENTED AT THESE MEETINGS THEN MAKES



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1 IT INCUMBENT UPON US TO MAKE IT A PUBLIC MEETING, WHICH IS,
2 YOU KNOW, WE'RE GOING TO LOVE THIS TO DEATH. THAT'S NOT, AT
3 THE END OF THE DAY, IT IS NOT IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE WAY
4 WE-- ANY ORGANIZATION DOES BUSINESS. THE EXECUTIVES AND THE
5 ADMINISTRATORS, AS THEY DO NOW, HAVE A RIGHT AND A NEED TO BE
6 ABLE TO DELIBERATE WITH THE ADMINISTRATORS IN THE
7 ORGANIZATION. THE MAYOR OF LOS ANGELES ISN'T SUBJECT TO THE
8 BROWN ACT. THE GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA ISN'T SUBJECT TO THE
9 BROWN ACT.

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** PERHAPS THEY OUGHT TO BE.

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13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, PERHAPS, BUT HE'S NOT. AND
14 THE REASON IS THE BROWN ACT MAKES A DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE
15 EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT AND THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH OF
16 GOVERNMENT. AND THE TROUBLE WE ALWAYS HAVE AND HAVE ALWAYS HAD
17 IN THIS PLACE IS THAT WE ARE BOTH THE LEGISLATIVE AND THE
18 EXECUTIVE. SOMETIMES WE HAVE A LEGISLATIVE ROLE AND SOMETIMES
19 WE HAVE, MORE OFTEN THAN NOT, HAVE AN EXECUTIVE ROLE. AND IT'S
20 HARD WITH FIVE PEOPLE, AS ONE EXECUTIVE, TO BE AN EXECUTIVE.
21 SO, YOU KNOW, WHEN THE MAYOR OF LOS ANGELES, WHOEVER HE OR SHE
22 MAY BE, CAN LOOK HIMSELF IN THE MIRROR AND SAY, "I'M GOING TO
23 DO THIS TOMORROW MORNING." FOR THIS EXECUTIVE TO DO IT AT,
24 FIVE OF US OR AT LEAST THREE OF US HAVE TO AGREE ON IT AND WE
25 JUST DON'T DO IT BY TALKING TO OURSELVES. WE HAVE TO SOMEHOW



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1 COMMUNICATE WITH EACH OTHER AND, MOST OF THE TIME, THAT
2 COMMUNICATION IS DONE IN PUBLIC. AND IT'S SOMEWHAT-- IT WORKS.
3 IT DOESN'T ALWAYS WORK IN A PRETTY WAY BUT IT WORKS. BUT IT'S
4 NOT THE MOST EFFICIENT WAY. SO I THINK THAT THIS NOTION OF
5 HAVING EVERY DELIBERATION SUBJECT TO THE BROWN ACT IS, ON THE
6 EXECUTIVE SIDE, IS A NONSTARTER AND I DON'T THINK THE BROWN
7 ACT CONTEMPLATED THAT. SO I WOULD LIKE TO HEAR HOW DAVID
8 RESPONDS TO THAT AND HOW HE EXPLAINS THE RIGHT SIDE OF THIS
9 CHART ON PAGE 21, THE COUNTY POLICY. THE CLUSTERS, I AGREE
10 WITH SUPERVISOR MOLINA, I THINK MR. ANTONOVICH'S MOTION, FOR
11 ALL INTENTS AND PURPOSES, IS APPROPRIATE. I DON'T THINK THERE
12 WAS EVER AN INTENT TO DO OTHERWISE BUT, IF IT NEEDS TO BE
13 CLARIFIED, SO BE IT. BUT, ON THE RIGHT SIDE, THE COUNTY POLICY
14 SIDE, THAT'S A INTERNAL, ADMINISTRATIVE PIECE, AS IT NOW
15 STANDS. AND, UNLESS WE CHANGE IT, THAT'S THE WAY I UNDERSTOOD
16 IT WHEN IT WAS FIRST MADE. MS. BURKE.

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18 **SUP. BURKE:** YEAH, 20 MINUTES AGO WHEN YOU RECOGNIZED ME AND I
19 SAID TO MS. MOLINA, SHE COULD GO AHEAD, I DIDN'T THINK IT
20 WOULD BE 20 MINUTES BEFORE I GOT A CHANCE TO EXPRESS WHAT I
21 HAD ON MY MIND AT THE TIME. WELL, FIRST OF ALL, IS I JUST
22 THINK THAT WE DO HAVE TO DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN THESE DIFFERENT
23 KINDS OF CLUSTERS. LET'S START WITH THAT. AND I THINK I PICKED
24 UP THAT WHAT MR. ANTONOVICH WANTS IS TO KNOW EVERY TIME
25 THERE'S A CLUSTER MEETING AND WHAT THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT SO



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1 THAT A STAFF MEMBER FROM THAT BOARD OFFICE CAN GO DOWN AND
2 MEET WITH THE CLUSTER. NOW, IS THAT WHAT YOU ARE TRYING TO GET
3 AT? ALL RIGHT. I THINK WE HAVE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN
4 DIFFERENT KINDS OF CLUSTERS AND MAKE IT VERY CLEAR THAT, IF
5 THEY ARE POLICY CLUSTERS AND THERE MAY BE A NEED TO GIVE
6 NOTICE OF ALL CLUSTER MEETINGS, I DON'T KNOW. I THINK THAT--
7 THAT'S WHY IT'S GOING TO BE VERY IMPORTANT FOR MR. JANSSEN TO
8 BE HERE TO DETERMINE WHAT KIND OF CLUSTER MEETINGS THE BOARD
9 NEEDS TO KNOW ABOUT. AND, IF WE GET A NOTICE, THERE NEEDS TO
10 BE BUILT INTO THIS WHOLE PROCEDURE THAT, UPON GIVING NOTICE,
11 THE BOARD CAN INDICATE WHETHER OR NOT THEY INTEND TO APPEAR AT
12 THAT CLUSTER MEETING AND WISH TO PARTICIPATE AND AT WHICH TIME
13 THEN A WHOLE NUMBER OF THINGS HAVE TO GO INTO EFFECT. YOU HAVE
14 TO GIVE NOTICE OF WHEN THE MEETING IS. IT HAS TO BE OUT 24
15 HOURS BEFORE AND IT'S A BROWN ACT ISSUE AND THE PUBLIC COULD
16 BE INVITED. BUT I THINK THAT THOSE THINGS HAVE TO BE
17 DELINEATED IN THE DOCUMENT. NOW, PERSONALLY, I DON'T THINK
18 WE'RE GOING TO WANT TO GO TO EVERY CLUSTER MEETING. AND I
19 DON'T THINK THAT IT'S GOING TO BE APPROPRIATE FOR US TO GO TO
20 EVERY CLUSTER MEETING BECAUSE BASICALLY IT WOULD TAKE ALL OF
21 OUR TIME OR OUR STAFF'S TIME AS EVERY ISSUE IS BEING
22 DEVELOPED. SUPPOSE THERE'S AN OUTSIDE PERSON THAT'S NEEDED AS
23 A PERSON WHO IS GIVING INFORMATION OR AN EXPERT. SOMETIMES THE
24 BOARD MEMBER MIGHT WANT TO BE THERE. BUT I THINK THE FIRST
25 THING WE HAVE TO DECIDE IS TO DELINEATE DIFFERENT KINDS OF



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1 CLUSTER MEETINGS. MAYBE ALL SHOULD NOT BE CALLED CLUSTERS.
2 MAYBE WE SHOULD HAVE THESE MEETINGS OVER HERE WHERE THE BOARD
3 IS GIVEN NOTICE THAT THIS ISSUE IS GOING TO BE DISCUSSED AND
4 IF YOU WISH TO COME OR HAVE A REPRESENTATIVE, YOU MAY WISH TO
5 PARTICIPATE, THEN THAT SHOULD BE SEPARATE AND BUILT INTO IT
6 SHOULD BE THE NOTICE REQUIREMENTS. THAT'S MY FEELING. BECAUSE,
7 AT THIS POINT, TO SAY THAT ALL CLUSTER MEETINGS, THE BOARD
8 SHALL ATTEND OR A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BOARD SHALL ATTEND, I
9 DON'T THINK IS THE APPROPRIATE WAY TO GO. I JUST THINK THAT
10 YOU HAVE TO SAY THAT THOSE THAT ARE AFFECTING CERTAIN ISSUES
11 OR POLICIES OR ISSUES THAT ARE GOING TO BE ON THE AGENDA, THE
12 BOARD WOULD RECEIVE NOTICE; AND, IF THERE IS AN INDICATION
13 BOARD MEMBERS WISH TO ATTEND, THEN ANOTHER METHOD GOES INTO
14 EFFECT, WHICH IS...

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THEY SHALL BE INVITED INSTEAD OF MAY BE
17 INVITED, MAKE IT SHALL. THAT'S WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, SHALL BE PROVIDED. AND THEN YOU HAVE TO PUT
20 IN A PROCEDURE, THOUGH, ON WHAT YOU DO ONCE THEY'RE INVITED.
21 THEN, IF THERE'S AN INDICATION THEY ARE GOING TO BE ATTENDING,
22 THEN YOU HAVE TO SET UP SOME OTHER PROCEDURE. BUT I DON'T KNOW
23 THAT ALL CLUSTER MEETINGS ARE SUCH THAT BOARD MEMBERS SHOULD
24 BE INVITED BECAUSE IT MAY BE VERY PRELIMINARY. IT MAY JUST BE,
25 AS I UNDERSTAND, SOME OF THIS IS GOING TO BE SOMETHING IN



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1 TERMS OF COMING UP WITH NEW CREATIVE IDEAS THAT WE'RE HOPING
2 COME OUT TO DEPARTMENTS.

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4 **DEPUTY C.A.O. SHARON HARPER:** THAT IS CORRECT, SUPERVISOR, WHAT
5 WE'LL DO IS, WITHIN THE TWO WEEKS, WE WILL MODIFY THE CHART.
6 WE'LL MAKE IT MORE CLEAR. WE'LL ANSWER A LOT OF THE QUESTIONS
7 THAT HAVE BEEN RAISED HERE TODAY AND HOPEFULLY, WITH THAT
8 CLARIFICATION, WE'LL BE ABLE TO MOVE FORWARD.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE:** AND YOU NEED TO CLARIFY THIS ISSUE OF WHEN YOU
11 INVITE THE BOARD.

12

13 **DEPUTY C.A.O. SHARON HARPER:** WE WILL.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE:** AND IF YOU DO INVITE THE BOARD, THE ISSUE GETS TO
16 BE AT SUCH TIME AS YOU INVITE THEM, DOES THAT THEN THROW IT
17 INTO A BROWN ACT SITUATION? OR, IF WE GET NOTICE THAT BOARD
18 MEMBERS ARE ATTENDING, DOES IT THEN THROW IT IN? AND I THINK
19 WE HAVE TO SET UP A PROCESS WHERE, IF YOU INVITE BOARD
20 MEMBERS, HOW YOU THEN ADDRESS IT FOR THE NEXT STEP.

21

22 **DEPUTY C.A.O. SHARON HARPER:** WE'LL INCLUDE THE INFORMATION FOR
23 YOU.

24

25 **SUP. BURKE:** OKAY.



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SUP. ANTONOVICH: LET ME JUST SAY IDEAS HAVE CONSEQUENCES AND THAT'S WHY YOU NEED OPEN IDEAS, DISCUSSIONS. IF A DEPUTY DOESN'T WANT TO ATTEND, THAT'S THEIR PREROGATIVE. BUT THEY SHOULD BE INVITED, NOT MAY BE INVITED AND LET THAT DECISION FALL UPON THE SUPERVISOR AND THEIR STAFF IF THEY WANT TO PARTICIPATE. THERE ARE MANY MEETINGS THAT SOME SUPERVISORS DON'T SEND THEIR STAFF TO AND THERE ARE OTHERS THAT THEY ARE. BUT THAT DECISION OUGHT TO BE WITH THAT SUPERVISOR OR THAT STAFF MEMBER. BUT HAVING OPENNESS TO ENSURE THAT THERE IS AN OPEN PROCEDURE IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE IDEAS ALSO IMPACT THE PUBLIC AND THEY HAVE A RIGHT TO BE INVOLVED AS WELL.

13

SUP. BURKE: I'D LIKE TO GET CLARIFICATION? COULD I JUST GET THIS CLARIFIED?

16

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN: ARE YOU SUGGESTING THAT, EVEN IF WE DON'T PROCEED WITH THE GOVERNANCE APPROACH, THAT EVERY MEETING THAT YOUR STAFF ATTENDS SHOULD BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC?

20

SUP. ANTONOVICH: I THINK THERE IS A VALUE IN THE PUBLIC AWARENESS WHEN WE HAVE THREE OR MORE STAFF MEMBERS INVOLVED, YES. I MEAN, THE THREE SUPERVISORS DON'T GET TOGETHER AND DISCUSS POLICY ISSUES. WE'RE COVERED UNDER THE BROWN ACT.

25



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1 **SUP. BURKE:** I'D LIKE TO GET ANOTHER QUESTION CLARIFIED. IS
2 YOUR POSITION THAT, ANY TIME THE C.A.O. MEETS WITH DEPARTMENT
3 HEADS, THAT THE BOARD SHOULD GET NOTICE OF IT?

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MY CONCERN IS WE HAVE A PROPOSAL THAT IS NOW
6 BEING IMPLEMENTED THAT HAS A GREAT-- PLACES A GREAT BARRIER
7 BETWEEN THE PUBLIC AND THE ELECTED OFFICIALS, THE ELECTED
8 OFFICIALS FROM THE BUREAUCRACY. I WANT TO ENSURE THAT WE HAVE
9 THE SAME OPPORTUNITIES OF OPENNESS THAT WE HAD PRIOR TO THIS
10 NEW REFORM THAT DOESN'T HAVE A BARRIER, AN ARTIFICIAL BARRIER
11 IN PLACE. I WANT OPENNESS.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE:** BUT COULD YOU ANSWER THAT, COULD YOU JUST LET ME
14 KNOW, JUST SO I UNDERSTAND WHAT THE AMENDMENT IS ABOUT, ARE
15 YOU SAYING, EVERY TIME THE C.A.O. MEETS WITH DEPARTMENT HEADS,
16 THAT THE BOARD SHOULD KNOW ABOUT IT?

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'M SAYING, IF HE MEETS WITH A DEPARTMENT
19 HEAD, THAT'S HIS PREROGATIVE BUT, WHEN THEY'RE MEETING TO
20 DISCUSS A WHOLE NEW POLICY, THEN THE BOARD MEMBER DEPUTY,
21 POLICY DEPUTIES, OUGHT TO BE INVOLVED IN THAT PROCESS. YOU SEE
22 THIS-- WHAT WE HAD BEFORE US HERE THAT HE PUT ON THE WALL AND
23 GAVE YOU, THE BOARD NEEDS TO HAVE DEPUTY INVOLVEMENT WITH
24 THOSE POLICY ISSUES BECAUSE THEY IMPACT THE DISTRICTS THAT WE
25 REPRESENT.



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SUP. BURKE: WELL, SOME OF THEM MAY BE SIMPLY GETTING-- THEY MAY BE GETTING ALTERNATIVES OF DIFFERENT KINDS OF THINGS THAT ARE HAPPENING THROUGHOUT THE NATION. AND THERE MAY NOT BE ANY KIND OF ANYTHING THAT COMES OUT OF IT. THERE MIGHT NOT BE ANY PROPOSAL THAT COMES OUT OF IT. IT MIGHT BE JUST INFORMATIONAL. AND I THINK THAT, FOR US TO SAY THAT EVERY TIME THE C.A.O. MEETS WITH A DEPARTMENT HEAD OR WITH TWO DEPARTMENT HEADS, THAT WE HAVE TO BE PART OF IT, WE'VE NEVER BEEN PART OF IT IN THE PAST.

11

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN: OKAY. I'M GOING TO MAKE AN EXECUTIVE DECISION. WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE THIS FOR TWO WEEKS.

15

SUP. MOLINA: I KNOW BUT I HAVE A QUESTION SEPARATE FROM THIS.

17

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN: NO PROBLEM. I THOUGHT WE WERE DONE.

20

SUP. MOLINA: IT'S ON THE PROCEDURE AND WE MAY NEED TO DISCUSS IT NEXT TIME. I AM INTERESTED IN FINDING OUT IF, IN FACT, I HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT SOMETHING THAT I HAVE BEEN TOLD BY A DEPARTMENT, I'M MAKING THIS UP, IF I HAVE CONCERNS OF SOMETHING THAT I THINK I'M BEING TOLD BY THE DEPARTMENT BUT I



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1 JUST DON'T HAVE THE CONFIDENCE THAT THAT'S THE WHOLE STORY AND
2 IF I WANTED TO ASK A QUESTION OF SOMEBODY WHO'S BEEN INVOLVED
3 IN A REVIEW, WHO'S BEEN INVOLVED IN A STUDY OR SOME ANALYSIS
4 OR A CONSULTANT OF SOME TYPE AND I WERE TO CALL THAT PERSON
5 DIRECTLY, WOULD I BE VIOLATING THIS ACT?

6

7 **DEPUTY C.A.O. SHARON HARPER:** NO. AS I UNDERSTAND YOUR
8 QUESTION, YOU WOULD STILL BE ABLE TO CONTACT THE C.A.O.'S
9 OFFICE AND GET AN ANSWER TO YOUR QUESTION.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO, BUT I DIDN'T ASK THAT. I DIDN'T INCLUDE THE
12 C.A.O. IN MY DISCUSSION. I WOULD GO-- INSTEAD OF GOING THROUGH
13 THE C.A.O. TO ASK MY QUESTION, I WOULD ASK MY QUESTION
14 DIRECTLY OF THE CONSULTANT, THE COMMISSIONER, WHOEVER STUDIED
15 IT SEPARATE AND APART.

16

17 **DEPUTY C.A.O. SHARON HARPER:** YOU WOULD STILL BE ABLE TO SEEK
18 INFORMATION FROM THAT PERSON.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** WITHOUT BEING DISRUPTIVE TO THE ORDER OF THE DAY?

21

22 **DEPUTY C.A.O. SHARON HARPER:** CORRECT.

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24 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WITHOUT OBJECTION,
2 ITEM-- WHAT ARE THE TWO ITEMS?

3

4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 75-D AND 13.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** AND 13 WILL BE PUT OVER FOR TWO
7 WEEKS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER.

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9 **SUP. BURKE:** MR. CHAIRMAN, BEFORE THE MEETING CONCLUDES, I DO
10 HAVE A MOTION THAT JUST CAME TO MY ATTENTION.

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WE'RE NOT ANYWHERE NEAR
13 CONCLUDING.

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15 **SUP. BURKE:** BEFORE WE ADJOURN, I'D LIKE TO HAVE AN
16 OPPORTUNITY.

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I'LL RECOGNIZE YOU IN A SECOND BUT
19 WE HAD TO RECONSIDER ITEM 72, DID YOU SAY?

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21 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CORRECT, ON ITEM 72, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH,
22 IF WE COULD RECONSIDER THE ITEM, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH WOULD
23 LIKE TO VOTE "NO" ONLY ON THE PORTION RELATING TO THE C.E.O.
24 ITEMS, NOT RELATED TO THE...

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. BURKE MOVES, ANTONOVICH
2 SECONDS, WITHOUT OBJECTION, THE ITEM IS RECONSIDERED. AND MR.
3 ANTONOVICH WILL BE RECORDED "NO" ONLY ON THE PORTION THAT
4 DEALS WITH THE DEPUTY C.E.O.S.

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6 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON THE C.E.O. ITEMS.

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ON THE C.E.O. ITEMS. ON THE
9 BALANCE, HE WILL BE REPORTED AS AN "AYE" VOTE. SO ORDERED.

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** BURKE WILL MOVE AND I WILL SECOND.
14 SO ORDERED. MS. BURKE, YOU WANTED TO INTRODUCE SOMETHING?

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16 **SUP. BURKE:** YES, I JUST RECEIVED THIS INFORMATION. APPARENTLY,
17 WE JUST LEARNED THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES IS NOT
18 HONORING MEDICARE PART D PRESCRIPTION COVERAGE FOR THE ELDERLY
19 CITIZENS OF THIS COUNTY. IN LIGHT OF THE CURRENT HEALTHCARE
20 CRISIS AND GROWING COMPLEXITY OF THE DELIVERY OF HEALTHCARE,
21 THIS FRAGILE POPULATION OFTEN EXPERIENCES UNDUE BURDENS WHILE
22 ATTEMPTING TO ACCESS HEALTHCARE SERVICES, TO WHICH EVERY
23 CITIZEN SHOULD BE ENTITLED. WHILE I RECOGNIZE THE
24 ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICARE, PART D, MAY BE COMPLICATED, SUCH
25 ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEXITIES SHOULD NOT NEGATE OUR DUTY TO



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1 PROVIDE ADEQUATE CARE TO OUR PATIENT. ADDITIONALLY, THIS
2 COUNTY HAS BEEN ADVISED BY THE CENTER FOR MEDICAID AND
3 MEDICARE SERVICES, C.M.S., TO INCREASE ENROLLMENT OF MEDICARE
4 PARTICIPANTS IN OUR HEALTHCARE SYSTEM. CLEARLY, THE COUNTY'S
5 CHOICE TO EXCLUDE MEDICARE, PART D'S, PRESCRIPTION COVERAGE
6 COULD DISCOURAGE SUCH PARTICIPATION. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT
7 THIS BOARD DIRECT THE C.A.O. TO WORK IN CONCERT WITH THE
8 DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES TO IMMEDIATELY
9 RE-ASSESS AND AMEND, AS NECESSARY, THE EXISTING POLICY WHICH
10 EXCLUDES MEDICARE, PART D, PRESCRIPTION COVERAGE AND REPORT
11 BACK TO THE BOARD ANY FINDING AND RECOMMENDATION WITHIN 15
12 DAYS.

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14 **SUP. KNABE:** SECOND.

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16 **SUP. BURKE:** I'LL PASS IT OUT.

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IS THAT TO BE TAKEN UP TODAY? SO
19 YOU MADE THE FINDINGS. OKAY. WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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21 **SUP. BURKE:** IT'S A REPORT BACK.

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23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** REPORT BACK. OKAY. SO, WITHOUT
24 OBJECTION, BURKE MOVES, KNABE SECONDS, WITHOUT OBJECTION,
25 UNANIMOUS VOTE.



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2 **SUP. BURKE:** THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S ALL I HAVE, MR. CHAIRMAN.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, MR. ANTONOVICH. WE
7 HAVE...

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9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM 22 WAS ALSO BEING HELD BY SUPERVISOR
10 ANTONOVICH.

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHICH ONE?

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14 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 22.

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I HAVE AN AMENDMENT. THE AMENDMENT IS THE--
17 ONE, INCLUDE THE CONTINUING OF CARE CITIES, GLENDALE,
18 PASADENA, LONG BEACH AND SANTA MONICA, INTO OBJECTIVE 1.8
19 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF A PLAN TO EXPAND INFORMATION AND
20 ASSISTANCE SERVICES TO HOMELESS SENIORS WHO ARE VETERANS. SO
21 THAT'S THE AMENDMENT.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THIS IS ON 22. ARE YOU
24 PASSING IT OUT? DO YOU WANT TO READ IT AGAIN? JUST READ IT
25 AGAIN.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** TO INCLUDE THE CONTINUUM OF CARE CITIES,
3 GLENDALE, PASADENA, LONG BEACH AND SANTA MONICA INTO OBJECTIVE
4 1.8 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF A PLAN TO EXPAND INFORMATION AND
5 ASSISTANCE SERVICES TO HOMELESS SENIORS AND VETERANS.

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO THAT? IF
8 NOT, IT WILL BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ACTION. MR. KNABE MOVES,
9 ANTONOVICH SECONDS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, ITEM 22 IS APPROVED.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S ALL.

12

13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** C.S.-1.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WE HAVE SOME PEOPLE WHO WANT TO BE
16 HEARD?

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18 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** TWO.

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20 **SUP. KNABE:** YES. ITEM 22 INCLUDED MY AMENDMENT ON THE GREEN
21 SHEET AS WELL, IS THAT CORRECT?

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23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CORRECT.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** LET'S BE SURE THAT IT DID. YES, IT
2 DID.

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4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CORRECT.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IT DID. ARNOLD SACHS? IS HE HERE?
7 C.S.-1, CLOSED SESSION 1. WE HAVE...

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9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE HAVE TWO.

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11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** DON'T WE HAVE A SPECIAL ITEM?

12

13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE HAVE A SPECIAL ITEM. AND WE HAVE S-1 AND
14 WE ALSO HAVE ITEM 74. S-1 WAS AT 11 O'CLOCK.

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** LET'S DO THAT. IS THE SHERIFF'S
17 DEPARTMENT HERE ON THIS? I'M SORRY. NO. WE'VE KEPT THEM
18 WAITING. SHERIFF'S PERSONNEL COME ON UP HERE. THIS WILL BE S-
19 1. AND THEN WE WILL TAKE UP ITEM 74 AFTER WE'RE DONE WITH THIS
20 REPORT.

21

22 **LARRY WALDIE:** GOOD MORNING. ON BEHALF OF SHERIFF LEE BACA, I'M
23 HERE TO PRESENT A BRIEFING AT THE REQUEST OF MS. MOLINA ON THE
24 STATUS OF WOMEN IN LAW ENFORCEMENT. BASICALLY, I HOPE WE'LL
25 SHOW THAT THEY HAVE SINCE PRACTICALLY SINCE 1998, THEY HAVE



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1 ASSUMED A VERY VITAL ROLE IN THIS DEPARTMENT. AND WE INTEND TO
2 SHOWCASE THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS IN VARIOUS ASSIGNMENTS AND
3 ILLUSTRATE SOME NUMBERS THAT SHOW WOMEN ARE HIGHLY RECRUITED,
4 TRAINED AND PROMOTED WITHIN ALL THE RANKS OF THE SHERIFF'S
5 DEPARTMENT. SO I THINK THE SLIDE PRESENTATION, POWERPOINT,
6 WILL BE-- WILL SHOW IT EXACTLY. AND, IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS
7 AFTER WE PRESENT THAT, WHICH IS ABOUT 10 MINUTES LONG, WE'LL
8 CERTAINLY BE HERE TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS. I'LL HAVE
9 COMMANDER LINDA CASTRO WHO ACTUALLY PREPARED ALL OF THIS, PUT
10 IT TOGETHER AND DO THE SPEAKING ON THIS.

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12 **COMMANDER LINDA CASTRO:** OKAY, WE WANTED TO BEGIN BY TAKING US
13 BACK TO 1912 WHEN THE FIRST FEMALE DEPUTY SHERIFF, MARGARET Q.
14 ADAMS, WAS APPOINTED. AND, IN THAT TIME PERIOD OF OUR HISTORY,
15 THE JOB THAT SHE DID WAS AS A MATRON AND-- BACK IN THOSE DAYS
16 AND THEN MOVING SLOWLY FORWARD, WOMEN WERE GENERALLY
17 RESTRICTED TO MATRON, JAILER KIND OF DUTIES AND THEN MOVED
18 INTO INVESTIGATIONS OF JUVENILE AND SOMETIMES SEXUAL ASSAULT
19 CRIMES. IT WASN'T UNTIL THE MID '70S, ACTUALLY 1972, WHEN THE
20 FIRST 12 FEMALE DEPUTY SHERIFFS WENT TO PATROL AND WE MOVED
21 FORWARD IN THE DEPARTMENT WITH WOMEN COMING INTO THEIR OWN AND
22 BEING EQUAL WITH EVERYBODY ON THE DEPARTMENT AS FAR AS JOBS.
23 AS YOU CAN SEE, THE GRAPH SHOWS OUR NUMBERS. STARTING BACK IN
24 1998, WITH WOMEN AT 1,102, WE HIT A DOWNWARD TREND IN 2004
25 DURING THE 2002-2004 HIRING FREEZE. YOU CAN SEE THE IMPACT



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1 THAT IT MADE. AND THEN NOW, IN 2007, WE ARE BACK UP TO 1,410
2 WOMEN. THE NEXT SLIDE ACTUALLY SHOWS THE PERCENTAGES THAT
3 EQUATE TO THAT. 1,149 DEPUTY SHERIFFS TOTAL, WOMEN OF 19
4 PERCENT AT THE DEPUTY-- EXCUSE ME. 19 PERCENT CHANGE IN THE
5 DEPUTY RANK. OUR ACTUAL TOTAL NUMBER, DEPARTMENT WIDE, OF
6 WOMEN IS 16.1 PERCENT. SIMILARLY, SERGEANT, 85 PERCENT CHANGE.
7 103 SERGEANTS IN 1998. NOW WE HAVE 191. LIEUTENANTS WE HAD IN
8 1998, 28. NOW WE ARE AT 57, WHICH IS 103 PERCENT INCREASE. WE
9 HAVE 9 CAPTAINS WITH A 50 PERCENT INCREASE SINCE 2008[SIC].
10 AND YOU CAN SEE, IN 1998, WE DID NOT HAVE ANY FEMALE
11 COMMANDERS AND NOW WE HAVE THREE. AND WE STILL HAVE A FEMALE
12 DIVISION CHIEF, CHIEF ROBERTA ABNER. IT'S IMPORTANT TO COMPARE
13 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO BOTH STATE AND
14 NATIONAL AVERAGES IN LAW ENFORCEMENT. OUR CURRENT NUMBER, AS I
15 SAID, 16.1 PERCENT, FARES ABOVE BOTH THE STATE AVERAGE OF 9.1
16 PERCENT WOMEN IN LAW ENFORCEMENT AND THEN THE NATIONAL AVERAGE
17 OF 12 PERCENT. LADIES THAT I MENTIONED, CHIEF ABNER, THERE'S
18 MYSELF AND ALSO COMMANDER WILLIE MILLER FROM FIELD OPERATIONS
19 REGION 2 AND COMMANDER DETTA ROBERTS FROM OUR CORRECTIONAL
20 SERVICES DIVISION. THE NEXT SLIDE SHOWS OUR ASSORTMENT OF
21 CAPTAINS AND DIRECTORS. OF COURSE, THE DIRECTORS ARE THE NON-
22 SWORN MANAGERIAL POSITIONS. YOU SEE STATIONS, WOMEN IN CHARGE
23 OF STATIONS, CUSTODY FACILITIES, INTERNAL AFFAIRS, MEDICAL
24 SERVICES, DIRECTORS WITH CUSTODY ASSIGNMENTS, MEDICAL
25 SERVICES, OUR EMPLOYEE SUPPORT SERVICES. NATALIE SALAZAR, OUR



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1 LAW ENFORCEMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM, AND TERRY WILHELM, FISCAL
2 ADMINISTRATION. LOTS OF VARIETY AND DIVERSITY IN OUR
3 ASSIGNMENTS FOR WOMEN IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. OUR FEMALE
4 REPRESENTATION PERCENTAGE OF JOBS HELD BY WOMEN, DEPUTIES 16
5 PERCENT; SERGEANTS 15, LIEUTENANTS 17 AND CAPTAIN 15. WE
6 THOUGHT IT WAS VERY IMPORTANT TO CONTRAST BACK TO MARGARET Q.
7 ADAMS AND SHOW THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FEMALE DEPUTIES DOING
8 MATRON OR JAIL AND INVESTIGATIONS WORK AND HIGHLIGHTING THE
9 THINGS THAT WE DO NOW IN TODAY'S L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S
10 DEPARTMENT. WE'LL SHOW YOU SOME PICTURES THAT HIGHLIGHT
11 ACADEMY STAFF INSTRUCTORS. WE HAVE CANINE HANDLERS, HELICOPTER
12 OPERATORS, FIELD TRAINING OFFICERS WERE A VERY GOOD JOB FOR
13 OUR WOMEN NOW THAT ARE ACTUALLY TRAINING OUR FELLOW DEPUTIES.
14 WE HAVE PEOPLE IN ALL SORTS OF INVESTIGATIONS, DETECTIVES,
15 HOMICIDE, NARCOTICS, INTERNAL AFFAIRS, SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT
16 BUREAU. THE JOBS ARE THERE JUST WAITING FOR US TO APPLY TO
17 THEM AFTER WE ARE FINISHED WITH OUR PATROL AND CUSTODY
18 ASSIGNMENTS. STAFF INSTRUCTOR AND THERE'S THE CANINE. WE HAVE
19 A WEAPONS INSTRUCTOR THERE, A FEMALE, TEACHING RECRUITS WITH A
20 SHOTGUN. THE NEXT SLIDE SHOWS THE NUMBERS OF WOMEN COMPLETING
21 THE ACADEMY TRAINING THAT WE HAVE COMPARATIVELY SPEAKING
22 BETWEEN 1998 AND 2007. WE LEAD THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES
23 HERE IN THE GREATER SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA. WE'VE HAD 878
24 WOMEN GRADUATE FROM THE SHERIFF'S ACADEMY. YOU CAN SEE
25 L.A.P.D. IS AT 587. SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY SHERIFF 174. ORANGE



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1 COUNTY 126. AND THE HIGHWAY PATROL, I FORGOT TO MENTION, 247.
2 SO OUR NUMBERS OF WOMEN ARE WELL ABOVE AND WE KNOW THAT
3 THERE'S ABSOLUTELY GOOD REASONS WHY OUR NUMBERS ARE SO HIGH,
4 JUST AS MR. WALDY STATED. RECRUITING, HIRING, TRAINING, THIS
5 IS THE JOB TO HAVE IN LAW ENFORCEMENT WITH THE SHERIFF'S
6 DEPARTMENT. THOSE ARE SOME OF THE FACES THAT I MENTIONED EARLY
7 AS FAR AS CRITICAL NON-SWORN MANAGERIAL POSITIONS. SINCE 1998,
8 WE HAVE JUMPED FROM 15 TO NOW AT 37 WOMEN IN THOSE POSITIONS.
9 WE ALSO THOUGHT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO GET SOME STATEMENTS FROM
10 THE WOMEN THAT ACTUALLY DO THE JOB. AND SO YOU CAN SEE DEPUTY
11 GRAY FROM TEMPLE STATION. WE'VE GOT THE OPPORTUNITY. SHE'S
12 BEEN OFFERED AND ENCOURAGED TO APPLY FOR THE POSITION. SHE
13 CAN'T IMAGINE DOING ANYTHING ELSE. WE HAVE A SERGEANT KELLY
14 PERALSKI. WE ACKNOWLEDGE IT'S DEMANDING. IT'S A HARD WORK KIND
15 OF A JOB. BUT PERSEVERANCE. WE ALL GET TO MOVE FORWARD IN THE
16 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND WE DO HAVE THESE OPPORTUNITIES NOW IN
17 THIS DAY AND AGE IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. WE HAVE A
18 CIVILIAN, MARIE VILLA LOBOS, WHO'S HAD SEVERAL PROMOTIONS.
19 SHE'S HAD THE INTERESTING ASSIGNMENTS AND SHE LOOKS FORWARD TO
20 WHAT'S MORE IS IN STORE FOR HER THROUGHOUT HER CAREER IN THE
21 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. NOW FROM ACADEMY RECRUIT FROM CLASS 358,
22 WHICH HAPPENS TO BE THE CLASS THAT WAS FEATURED IN OUR RECENT
23 TELEVISION SHOW, "THE ACADEMY", HELPED DEPUTY ANDARRA TO
24 OVERCOME OBSTACLES. YOU KNOW, SHE MENTIONED THE 6-FOOT WALL
25 BUT SHE WAS ABLE TO FACE THE CHALLENGE AND OVERCAME IT. AND



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1 THERE'S OUR PILOT, SHEILA SINCLAIR, WHO IS ASSIGNED TO THE AIR
2 BUREAU. THAT'S WHAT WE ALL FEEL. WE'RE LIVING THE DREAM. AND,
3 TO CONCLUDE THIS, YOU KNOW, THE BASIS, THE CORNERSTONE FOR HOW
4 WOMEN ACT, REACT, ARE TREATED IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
5 TODAY IS REALLY BASED ON SHERIFF BACA BRINGING IN THE CORE
6 VALUES IN 1998 AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESPECT-BASED
7 LEADERSHIP, WHICH CREATED THIS FORUM TO UNDERSTAND THE
8 IMPORTANCE OF DIVERSITY. IT IS THE PARAMOUNT TO OUR SUCCESS.
9 AND, IF WE HAD THOSE BARRIERS BEFORE, WE KNOW NOW THAT WE HAVE
10 POSITIVE CULTURAL CHANGE WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT TO CONTINUE
11 MOVING FORWARD AND BEING SUCCESSFUL.

12

13 **LARRY WALDIE:** THESE ARE THE NOTES AND SHERIFF BACA TOOK OFFICE
14 IN '98. HE MANDATED CLEARLY TO THE RECRUITMENT PEOPLE AND WHEN
15 WE WERE DEVELOPING THE PROMOTIONAL LISTS THAT 25 PERCENT OF
16 THE PEOPLE WOULD BE WOMEN IN THE RECRUITMENT CLASS. AND ALSO
17 IN THE PROMOTIONAL FIELD, 25 PERCENT WOULD BE WOMEN, EVEN
18 THOUGH THEIR NUMBERS WERE NOT THAT HIGH IN TERMS OF ACTUAL
19 NUMBERS ON THE DEPARTMENT. BUT HE HAD TO KICK UP THE NUMBERS
20 TO MAKE SURE THAT THE OPPORTUNITIES LOST BEFORE WOULD BE
21 PRESENT TODAY AND EVEN GREATER IN THE FUTURE.

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23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. DOES THAT CONCLUDE YOUR
24 COLLECTIVE PRESENTATION?

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1 **LARRY WALDIE:** YES, SIR.

2

3 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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5 **SUP. MOLINA:** FIRST OF ALL, LET ME THANK YOU. IT IS AN
6 EXCELLENT PRESENTATION. IT IS IMPRESSIVE TO SEE THE NUMBERS,
7 IN PARTICULAR WHEN-- BY COMPARISON TO OTHER ORGANIZATIONS AND
8 NETWORKS. I REMEMBER WAY BACK THEN AND I THINK MS. BURKE WILL
9 REMEMBER WHEN WE HAD TO FIGHT WITH THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY
10 PATROL TO PERMIT WOMEN TO BE A PART OF IT. IT'S UNFORTUNATE
11 THAT THEIR NUMBERS ARE STILL SO LOW BECAUSE ONE OF THE THINGS
12 WE DO SEE ABOUT WOMEN IN THE HIGHWAY PATROL IS THAT THEY DID
13 AN OUTSTANDING JOB AND PARTICULARLY THEY WERE VERY, VERY
14 SUCCESSFUL IN TWO AREAS AND THEY ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT THEY
15 COULD NOT HANDLE THE JOB. THEY WERE SUPERIOR IN THEIR DRIVING.
16 THE OBSTACLE COURSE WAS SOMETHING THAT THEY SUCCEEDED VERY
17 SUCCESSFULLY IN. AND IN SHOOTING OR WITH FIREARMS. I DON'T
18 KNOW WHY. THEY HAD A TOUGH TIME WITH THE REGULAR OBSTACLE
19 COURSE, MAKING THE WALL AND DOING OTHER THINGS LIKE THAT, BUT
20 IT WAS AMAZING THAT, EVENTUALLY, WOMEN STARTING STRONGER AND
21 BETTER UPPER BODY STRENGTH AND WERE ABLE TO MEET EVEN THOSE
22 CHALLENGES. SO IT'S IMPRESSIVE WHAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS DONE
23 ALTHOUGH, WHEN I FIRST CAME HERE, I WAS TROUBLED WITH CERTAIN
24 ASPECTS OF THE SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY. THAT HAS BEEN CHANGED
25 AND I HOPE IT'S BEEN MORE EFFECTIVE AS FAR AS OPPORTUNITIES



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1 THAT WOMEN NOW HAVE BECAUSE, AS USUAL, THERE'S STILL MEN THAT,
2 FOR WHATEVER REASON, DON'T KNOW HOW TO DEAL WITH WOMEN IN LAW
3 ENFORCEMENT AND IN THESE ROLES. THEY'RE NOT TRADITIONAL, OR
4 TRADITIONAL TO THEM AT THIS POINT IN TIME. BUT I DO HOPE THAT
5 HAS BEEN TAKEN CARE OF AND ADDRESSED.

6

7 **LARRY WALDIE:** YOU'RE RIGHT. SOME PEOPLE JUST DON'T GET IT.
8 THEY DON'T UNDERSTAND. THE REALITY IS, WHEN, A FEW YEARS AGO,
9 WE HAD 50 TO 60 OF THESE TYPE CASES. TODAY, IN DEALING WITH
10 THE BOWMAN ISSUES OF THOSE EQUITY ISSUES, WE ONLY HAVE 10 AND
11 WE HAVE NO CURRENT LAWSUITS ACTUALLY GOING, DEALING IN THIS
12 ISSUE LIKE WE HAD MANY IN THE PAST. SO THAT'S A SIGNIFICANT
13 REDUCTION IN THOSE ISSUES, EVEN IN OUR EQUITY PANEL IS LOOKING
14 FOR WORK BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE ENOUGH CASES TO REVIEW. SO
15 IT'S BEEN-- THEY'VE DONE A GREAT JOB. YES, MA'AM.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT'S GOOD THAT THERE'S IMPROVEMENT OVERALL
18 BECAUSE I DO THINK THAT WE HAVE TO GET EVERYBODY ADJUSTED TO
19 THE FACT THAT WOMEN ARE VERY MUCH A PART OF THIS WORKFORCE AND
20 WE WANT TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO BE A PART OF IT. AND SO
21 CONSEQUENTLY, OUR RESPONSIBILITY IS TO MAKE SURE THAT THEIR
22 WORKPLACE IS A FAIR AND EQUITABLE PLACE FOR ALL OF THEM TO
23 HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY, TO HAVE THE SAME OPPORTUNITIES, NOT
24 DIFFERENT, NOT BETTER, NOT STRONGER THAN MEN BUT ON EQUAL
25 TERMS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. THIS IS A VERY DANGEROUS JOB THAT



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1 REQUIRES VERY UNIQUE TALENTS AND A SKILL SET THAT NOT
2 EVERYBODY POSSESSES. SO WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE. AND, OF COURSE,
3 WE RELY ON THEM SO VERY MUCH. BUT ONE OF THE PARTS THAT
4 CONCERNS ME, AND IT'S NOT SO MUCH WITH THE SHERIFF, I'M GLAD
5 THAT YOU'RE HERE. I THINK WE NEED TO HAVE MORE REPORTS LIKE
6 THAT BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW THAT THE PUBLIC RECOGNIZES OR KNOWS
7 HOW SUCCESSFUL THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN AND-- ONCE THEY MADE
8 THIS A PRIORITY, PARTICULARLY IN THE RECRUITMENT. THAT HAS
9 BEEN ABSOLUTELY OUTSTANDING. IT PROBABLY EXCEEDS ANYONE ELSE.
10 AND I THINK THESE ARE HIGHLIGHTS THAT SHOULD NOT BE DISMISSED.
11 I THINK THEY'RE SIGNIFICANT AND THEY'RE IMPORTANT. AND THE
12 REASON, I THINK, IS THAT, WHEN YOU LOOK AT OTHER ISSUES AND
13 I'M GOING TO RAISE THIS WITH COUNTY COUNSEL, WE HAVE A CONSENT
14 DECREE THAT, YOU KNOW, I THINK THAT NO MATTER HOW FAR YOU LOOK
15 INTO IT, YOU'RE NOT GOING TO FIND THIS THAT THIS BOARD HARDLY
16 EVER KNEW ABOUT IT FROM DAY ONE. BUT, AS WE CONTINUE, THIS
17 CONSENT DECREE HAS JUST GONE ON FOR FAR TOO LONG. AND I DON'T
18 KNOW AND I HOPE THAT THE JUDGE HAS HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE
19 THESE KINDS OF ADVANCEMENTS, THAT THIS KIND OF PRESENTATION
20 HAS BEEN MADE TO HIM OR NOT. BUT MAYBE HE'LL READ ABOUT IT
21 EVENTUALLY OR HEAR ABOUT THE KIND OF SUCCESSES BECAUSE I DO
22 THINK THAT THE CONSENT DECREE IS REALLY TAKING AWAY VALUABLE
23 RESOURCES. AND I MEAN NOT JUST DOLLARS BUT ALSO TIME FROM OUR
24 LAWYERS, FROM ALL THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IN TRYING TO
25 CONTINUE TO MEET, I DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY ARE, GOALS THAT ARE



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1 BEING ASSIGNED BY A MONITOR THAT WE PAY FOR FOR TAXPAYER
2 DOLLARS. AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT WE'RE ACHIEVING WHEN, IN FACT,
3 WE SHOULD BE PROBABLY UTILIZING THOSE FUNDS TO DO MORE DIRECT
4 RECRUITMENT IF NEED BE, TO ASSIST AND TO TRAIN, IF WE NEED BE,
5 MANY OF THE FEMALE CANDIDATES FOR UPWARD MOBILITY OR THOSE
6 KINDS OF OPPORTUNITIES INSTEAD OF EXHAUSTING IT ON LAWYERS AND
7 OUR HAVING TO PAY PRIVATE LAWYERS TO DEFEND OURSELVES. WE NEED
8 TO FIND A WAY AND A STRATEGY THAT NEEDS TO BE PRESENTED TO THE
9 BOARD AS TO HOW WE'RE GOING TO END THIS CONSENT DECREE. AND I
10 KNOW THAT, IF WE CONTINUE TO PLAY OUT THIS GAME, IT WILL TAKE
11 FOREVER. I REALLY THINK THERE NEEDS TO BE AN END TO IT AND I
12 THINK THAT THE WORK THE SHERIFF HAS DONE, PARTICULARLY IN
13 THESE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS, HAS BEEN OUTSTANDING AND I DON'T
14 KNOW THAT THEY'VE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE SUCH A
15 PRESENTATION. I THINK THE PERSON WHO ORIGINALLY FILED THIS
16 LAWSUIT HAS LONG RETIRED. I THINK THAT SOME OF US CAN BENEFIT
17 FROM THE FACT THAT SHE FILED THE LAWSUIT WAY BACK THEN. BUT I
18 THINK THAT SHE, TOO, IF SHE WERE HERE TODAY, WOULD BE
19 IMPRESSED WITH THE KIND OF ACHIEVEMENTS THAT THE SHERIFF'S
20 DEPARTMENT HAS MADE IN THIS ARENA. SO ARE WE ANYWHERE CLOSER,
21 MR. FORTNER, TO FINDING AN END TO THIS CONSENT DECREE? BECAUSE
22 I THINK, IN LIGHT OF THE PRESENT STATISTICS, THE PRESENT
23 INFORMATION, THE EFFORTS THAT THE SHERIFF IS MAKING, I THINK
24 THAT A JUDGE SHOULD FIND A WAY TO BRING TO AN END THIS CONSENT



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1 DECREE THAT IS TAKING VALUABLE TAXPAYER DOLLARS. IN FACT, HOW
2 MUCH MONEY HAS IT COST US SO FAR?

3

4 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I
5 BELIEVE THE TOTAL COST OF THIS LITIGATION HAS BEEN ABOUT \$40
6 MILLION SINCE 1987.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** THOSE ARE GOOD DOLLARS THAT COULD HAVE GONE INTO
9 THE DEPARTMENT FOR ALL KINDS OF OTHER AREAS.

10

11 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** ABSOLUTELY.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** DO YOU KNOW HOW MUCH TRAINING AND RECRUITMENT WE
14 COULD DO FOR THOSE DOLLARS?

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** EXACTLY. WHAT IS THE END GAME HERE?

17

18 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** WELL, AS WE HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH
19 YOUR BOARD, WE HAVE BEEN BRINGING THESE MATTERS TO THE COURT.
20 THE GAINS BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, WE'RE DOING OUR BEST TO
21 PAINT A PICTURE FOR THE COURT THAT WE HAVE SATISFIED THE
22 VARIOUS ELEMENTS AND IN FACT HAVE SUCCESSFULLY GOTTEN A COURT
23 ORDER THAT WE'RE NO LONGER SUBJECT TO THE CONSENT DECREE WITH
24 RESPECT TO THE SERGEANT EXAMINATION PROCESS ITSELF, WHICH IS
25 HOW THE CASE BEGAN. WE HAVE OUR MOTION ASKING THE COURT TO



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1 GIVE US AN ORDER THAT WE HAVE SATISFIED THE EQUITY PORTIONS OF
2 THE CONSENT DECREE WILL BE HEARD NEXT MONDAY. AND WE BELIEVE
3 WE HAVE PAINTED A PICTURE FOR THE COURT AND THE SHERIFF'S
4 DEPARTMENT HAS MET AND EXCEEDED ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS THERE
5 AND WE HOPE THAT THE COURT WILL AGREE WITH US QUICKLY ON THAT
6 BASIS.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** WILL THE SHERIFF HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A
9 PRESENTATION OF THIS TYPE, OF THESE KIND OF STATISTICS UNDER
10 THOSE COURT PROCEEDINGS?

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12 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** IN THESE MOTIONS, THE WAY THE COURT
13 HAS DONE THESE, IS NOT TAKING-- THE JUDGE IS NOT TAKING ORAL
14 TESTIMONY OR PRESENTATIONS. SO WE HAVE TRIED, IN OUR BRIEFING
15 MATERIALS, TO PRESENT THE INFORMATION TO THE COURT.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** I THINK INFORMATION LIKE THIS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED
18 TO THEM.

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20 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** I AGREE. AND, IN EACH OF OUR FILINGS
21 NOW, WE HAVE BEEN TRYING TO FIND A DIFFERENT WAY TO PAINT
22 ESSENTIALLY THE SAME PICTURE BUT PAINT IT IN A WAY THAT
23 CATCHES THE COURT'S EYES BECAUSE THE SHERIFF HAS, AS THE
24 PRESENTATION SHOWED AND YOU'VE INDICATED, MADE TREMENDOUS
25 PROGRESS IN ACHIEVING ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CONSENT



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1 DECREE. SO WE WILL BE FOLLOWING UP WITH A MOTION VERY SHORTLY
2 ON THE ATTORNEY FEE PORTION OF THIS, THE ENTRY LEVEL MOTION
3 FOR AN ORDER THAT WE HAVE SATISFIED THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE
4 CONSENT DECREE WILL BE FILED VERY SHORTLY. AND, HOPEFULLY,
5 OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS, WE WILL BE ABLE TO WIND THIS DOWN
6 AND ACHIEVE THOSE COURT ORDERS THAT WILL PUT AN END TO THE
7 LITIGATION.

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9 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO, ON MONDAY, YOU'RE SAYING THAT'S WHEN YOU
10 SUBMIT THE DOCUMENTS? OR THAT'S WHEN YOU HAVE THE HEARING?

11

12 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** NO, ON THIS MONDAY, THERE IS A
13 HEARING ON THE MOTION WITH RESPECT TO THE EQUITY PORTION OF
14 THE CONSENT DECREE.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND ALL OF THAT INFORMATION HAS ALREADY BEEN
17 SUBMITTED TO THE COURTS?

18

19 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** YES, IT HAS.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND IT WILL BE A HEARING BEFORE THE JUDGE?

22

23 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** BEFORE THE JUDGE IN FEDERAL COURT.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. I REALLY DO THINK THAT ANYTHING WE CAN
2 DO TO ADVANCE THE INFORMATION THAT WE ARE RECEIVING, BECAUSE
3 IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE TO ME AS A TAXPAYER, AS SOMEONE WHO HAS
4 LOOKED AT THIS, THAT SOMEWHERE ALONG THE WAY-- AND I KNOW THAT
5 WE HAVE A VERY GOOD FEDERAL JUDGE. HE IS SOMEONE THAT COMES
6 FROM THE COMMUNITY THAT I REPRESENT AND HAS A KEEN INTEREST IN
7 THESE AREAS, PARTICULARLY WITH THE ISSUES OF EQUITY OR
8 DISPARITIES OF THIS TYPE BUT ANY KIND OF DISCRIMINATION. BUT I
9 DON'T KNOW THAT THE MONITOR NECESSARILY HAS A GOOD HANDLE ON
10 IT AND IF THAT IS THE ONLY VOICE HE IS HEARING, I AM TROUBLED
11 BECAUSE I DON'T THINK HE'S DOING ANYTHING OTHER THAN TRYING TO
12 CONTINUE THE LIFE OF THIS CONSENT DECREE IN ORDER TO LINE HIS
13 OWN POCKETS AND REALLY NOT LOOK AT THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS. THIS
14 DEPARTMENT HAS DONE AN AMAZING TURNAROUND IN JUST A SHORT-- I
15 MEAN, IN THE PERIOD OF TIME THAT I'VE BEEN HERE, JUST IN THE
16 WHOLE AREA OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT. BEFORE IT WAS JUST, I DON'T
17 KNOW-- THERE WAS JUST CLOSED DOOR. THERE WAS AN ATTITUDE THAT
18 WENT ON AND I THINK IT'S JUST CHANGED DRAMATICALLY. I HOPE
19 IT'S CHANGED DRAMATICALLY. I'VE HEARD IT HAS. AND IT'S
20 PROBABLY EVIDENT BY THE LACK OF WORK FOR MANY OF THE LAWYERS
21 WHO HAD SEXUAL HARASSMENT COMPLAINTS IN LAW ENFORCEMENT WHICH
22 I THINK THOSE ARE GOOD THINGS. SO WE NEED TO FIND THAT WAY TO
23 PENETRATE, TO GET INTO THE JUDGE'S RANGE ALL OF THIS
24 INFORMATION BECAUSE I THINK THAT, IF COMMON SENSE SHOULD
25 PREVAIL, WE SHOULD COME OUT FROM UNDER THIS CONSENT DECREE, SO



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1 THAT FUTURE DOLLARS, PARTICULARLY WHEN IT COMES TO THE TUNE OF
2 \$40 MILLION, CAN BE DIRECTED INTO RESOURCES THAT HELP LAW
3 ENFORCEMENT AND NOT JUST MONITOR IT BY SOMEONE WHO REALLY
4 DOESN'T HAVE A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING THAT WE'VE ACHIEVED MANY OF
5 THE GOALS THAT WERE ORIGINALLY LAID OUT BY MS. BOWMAN, WHO
6 FILED THE INITIAL COMPLAINT AGAINST US. I DON'T KNOW WHERE
7 SHE'S AT BUT I'D LOVE HER TO COME OVER AND SEE THE DEPARTMENT.
8 I THINK SHE, TOO, WOULD BE VERY IMPRESSED.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I WOULD JUST ADD, I MEAN, THE
11 PROBLEM HERE I THINK AND THE ONGOING CONCERN IS THAT THE
12 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS MAKING EVERY EFFORT. IT JUST DOESN'T
13 APPEAR THAT WE'RE GETTING THAT INFORMATION IN FRONT OF THE
14 COURTS AND THERE'S NO INCENTIVE TO BRING THIS TO A CONCLUSION.
15 I MEAN, YOU KNOW, EVERY EFFORT THAT THEY'RE MAKING IS IN
16 COMPLIANCE AND ABOVE AND BEYOND. BUT YET-- DO WE HAVE TO GO TO
17 ANOTHER JUDGE? WHATEVER WE NEED TO DO, WE NEED TO DO IT
18 BECAUSE, RIGHT NOW, THAT OTHER ATTORNEY'S IN TOTAL CONTROL.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MS. BURKE?

21

22 **SUP. BURKE:** I WOULD LIKE TO COMMEND THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
23 BECAUSE THESE ARE VERY IMPRESSIVE CHANGES AND FIGURES THAT
24 WE'RE SEEING. SOMEHOW WE HAVE TO GET OUT, I THINK, MORE
25 VISIBILITY OF SOME OF THE WOMEN IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT SO



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1 THAT PEOPLE KNOW THAT WOMEN ARE THERE AND THERE ARE GREATER
2 OPPORTUNITIES BUT OBVIOUSLY THE NUMBERS OF WOMEN THAT ARE
3 GOING THROUGH THE ACADEMY IS VERY IMPRESSIVE AND WE SHOULD GET
4 THEM OUT. I KNOW I SEE RECRUITERS AT EVERY JOB FAIR. AND,
5 EVERY TIME WE HAVE ONE IN MY DISTRICT, THERE ARE PEOPLE
6 PRESENT. HOW DO YOU SOLVE THE CONSENT DECREE? ONCE YOU GET
7 INTO THESE THINGS, THEY'RE LIFETIME EVENTS, APPARENTLY, AND
8 IT'S UNFORTUNATE THAT THIS ONE WAS NOT CONCLUDED EARLIER. I DO
9 THINK TO THE POINT OF WHERE WE GET PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE
10 KIND OF PROGRESS THAT'S BEEN MADE AND WHERE THERE'S A GREATER
11 UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT THAT THE COURTS MAY REALIZE WHAT'S
12 HAPPENING. YOU KNOW, WHEN YOU GET CAUGHT UP IN THIS, THE
13 CONSENT DECREES AND THERE'S SO MANY PEOPLE WHO HAVE VESTED
14 INTEREST AS FAR AS THE LAWYERS AND THE MEDIATORS, ALL THE
15 PEOPLE WHO WERE THE CONSULTANTS, ALL OF THEM, IT GETS TO BE
16 VERY DIFFICULT. BUT I HOPE CERTAINLY THAT WE CAN BRING IT TO A
17 CONCLUSION VERY SOON. IT'S BEEN GOING ON LONG, LONG BEFORE I
18 GOT HERE. MANY YEARS BEFORE.

19

20 **LARRY WALDIE:** REGARDING THE EXPOSURE OF WOMEN, JUST IRONICALLY
21 LAST SATURDAY, WE HAD A WOMAN IN LAW ENFORCEMENT CAREER DAY
22 DOWN AT STAR CENTER. WE HAD 800 PEOPLE THERE FOR THAT DAY AND
23 ABOUT 170 OF THEM ACTUALLY TOOK THE EXAM THAT VERY DAY. SO
24 WE'RE DOING EVERYTHING WE CAN TO GET THAT MESSAGE OUT FOR
25 WOMEN.



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2 **SUP. BURKE:** AND THAT HAS AN IMPACT.

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** MAYBE WE SHOULD HAVE A GROUP OF THE FEMALE
5 DEPUTIES GO IN FRONT OF THE JUDGE.

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MR. ANTONOVICH?

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME AGAIN THANK THE DEPUTIES FOR DOING A
10 GOOD JOB ON THE STREET AND THE GOOD LEADERSHIP AT THE TOP,
11 WITH WALDY AND LEE BACA BUT OUR PROBLEM HAS BEEN SOME LAWYERS
12 TRYING TO LIVE OFF THE TAXPAYERS BY MILKING THIS LAWSUIT. IT'S
13 BEEN DECADES NOW AND IT NEEDS TO COME TO A CONCLUSION. I WOULD
14 HOPE THE COURT WOULD UNDERSTAND THAT THE DOLLARS THAT WE ARE
15 TAKING TO SUPPORT THESE LAWYERS ARE BETTER SPENT PROTECTING
16 OUR COMMUNITIES AND PUBLIC SAFETY AND OUR LIBRARIES, KEEPING
17 THEM OPEN. SO, HOPEFULLY THE MESSAGE GETS OUT.

18

19 **LARRY WALDIE:** THANK YOU ALL.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** CAN I JUST ASK YOU ONE QUESTION?
22 HAVE YOU FOLLOWED AT ALL THE RECORD OF THE L.A.P.D. OVER THE
23 LAST 20, 25 YEARS IN TERMS OF HIRING WOMEN? JUST ENTRY LEVEL?

24

25 **LARRY WALDIE:** NO, SIR, I HAVEN'T. I DON'T KNOW IF LINDA HAS.



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2 **COMMANDER LINDA CASTRO:** JUST THE ONE SLIDE WHERE WE SHOWED
3 BETWEEN 1978 AND 2007, THEY HIRED-- I THINK THEY WERE IN THE
4 400 TO 500 RANGE. AND WE HAD 878 IS WHAT I RECALL THE STAT TO
5 BE.

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** BETWEEN WHAT DATES?

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9 **COMMANDER LINDA CASTRO:** BETWEEN 1998 AND 2007. 587 FOR
10 L.A.P.D. AND 878 FOR THE SHERIFF.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** IMPRESSIVE.

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14 **COMMANDER LINDA CASTRO:** SO THERE'S A REASON WHY WOMEN
15 GRAVITATE TO THE L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, BECAUSE OF
16 ALL THE THINGS THAT WE DESCRIBED. WE BELIEVE IT AND WE KNOW
17 IT. AND WE WORK IN IT.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** BEFORE '95, WHEN I WAS STILL BACK
20 AT THE CITY AND THERE WAS A REAL CONCERTED EFFORT THAT WE MADE
21 TO HIRE MORE WOMEN IN THE L.A.P.D., MY RECOLLECTION IS THAT
22 THE NUMBERS WERE-- PERCENTAGES WERE CONSIDERABLY HIGHER. IN
23 FACT, THERE WERE CLASSES WHERE I THINK THE PERCENTAGES--
24 PERCENT OF WOMEN IN THE CLASS WERE APPROACHING 30 PERCENT,
25 SOME OF THEM WERE IN THE LOW 30 PERCENTILE FOR A PERIOD OF



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1 TIME. IN THE AROUND '90-- SAY '88 TO '94 AND I'M JUST CURIOUS.
2 IF YOU DON'T HAVE IT, YOU DON'T HAVE IT.

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4 **COMMANDER LINDA CASTRO:** YES, WE DON'T HAVE IT TODAY BUT WE
5 COULD LOOK INTO IT.

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IF YOU COULD, AT YOUR LEISURE,
8 WHEN YOU GET A CHANCE, LOOK AT THEIR-- LOOK AT THE 25-YEAR
9 TREND...

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11 **LARRY WALDIE:** WE'LL DO THAT.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ...BECAUSE THEY DID SOMETHING.
14 AND, YOU KNOW, IT'S FUNNY, WHEN WE DID THAT, AND I WAS AT THE
15 FOREFRONT OF THAT WHEN I WAS A CITY COUNCIL MEMBER, ONE OF
16 SEVERAL, MS. MOLINA SAYS THAT SHE DIDN'T UNDERSTAND WHY MEN
17 HAVE A DIFFICULTY THERE. ACTUALLY WERE WOMEN WHO HAD A
18 DIFFICULTY WITH THIS. I REMEMBER RECEIVING PHONE CALLS FROM
19 SOME OF MY MOST LIBERAL FEMALE CONSTITUENTS OUT IN THE WEST
20 SIDE SAYING "ARE YOU NUTS?" DOT, DOT, DOT AND THEN YOU FILL IN
21 THE BLANK. AND I WAS QUITE AMAZED AT REALLY THE CULTURAL BIAS
22 THAT EXISTED IN SOCIETY GENERALLY, THAT A WOMAN CAN'T DO A
23 POLICING JOB AS WELL AS A MAN, WHEN, IN FACT, THE EVIDENCE WAS
24 QUITE TO THE CONTRARY. AND, IN FACT, IN SOME SITUATIONS, WOMEN
25 WERE BETTER EQUIPPED IN DEESCALATING POTENTIALLY EXPLOSIVE



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1 SITUATIONS IN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CASES AND THE LIKE AND THERE
2 WAS AMPLE EVIDENCE OF THAT. AND SO...

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4 **LARRY WALDIE:** IT WAS A CULTURE. WHEN I CAME ON, AND I HATE TO
5 ADMIT THIS, IN '67, THE WOMEN IN MY ACADEMY CLASS...

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YOU CAME ON IN '67?

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9 **LARRY WALDIE:** YES, SIR.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YOU LOOK REAL GOOD. [LAUGHTER]

12

13 **LARRY WALDIE:** THANK YOU. BUT, WHEN I CAME ON, I DID 16 WEEKS
14 IN THE ACADEMY BUT THE WOMEN ONLY DID SIX WEEKS AND THEY
15 DIDN'T WEAR PANTS, THEY WORE SKIRTS AND THEY CARRIED A PURSE
16 AND THEY WERE NOT ALLOWED TO DO ANY OF THE STUFF THAT WE DID
17 SO IT WAS A CULTURAL THING...

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** DID THEY HAVE TO WEAR HEELS AS WELL?

20

21 **LARRY WALDIE:** YES, THEY DID. BUT IT WAS AMAZING. AND WE
22 FINALLY GREW UP AND REALIZED WE WERE WRONG, YOU KNOW, SO IT
23 TURNED OUT GREAT.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH. MY STAFF WHISPERED IN MY
2 EAR, JUST BACK TO THE OTHER THING, THAT THE 30 PERCENTILE
3 FIGURE I GAVE YOU WAS A PERCENTAGE OF WOMEN OUT OF THE TOTAL
4 WHO GRADUATED FROM THE ACADEMY. NO, NOW SHE'S-- OH, OKAY.
5 NEVER MIND. FORGET MY STAFF. IT'S WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU RELY
6 ON YOUR STAFF OR YOU DON'T HEAR THEM CAREFULLY IS PROBABLY THE
7 BEST THING. I'LL TALK TO YOU PRIVATELY. MAYBE WE'LL HAVE A
8 BROWN ACT MEETING AND WE'LL TALK PRIVATELY. ALL RIGHT. BUT
9 THANK YOU. AND THE TREND LINE IS GOOD.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** I THINK WHAT IS PROBABLY CLEAR HERE AND WHAT'S
12 GOING ON AND IT IS. IT'S A, YOU KNOW, WHOLE CHANGE, VERY, VERY
13 DRAMATIC CHANGE FROM-- AS WE'VE BEEN GROWING UP AND HOW THINGS
14 HAVE BEEN CHANGING. HOPEFULLY, TODAY, IT'S GETTING MORE
15 ACCEPTABLE BUT I'M NOT SO SURE THAT IT NECESSARILY IS. ONE
16 THING THAT IS CLEAR IS THAT THIS IS NOT A JOB THAT ANY WOMAN
17 CAN DO. BUT IT'S ALSO NOT A JOB THAT ANY MAN CAN DO, EITHER.
18 SO THAT'S THE SAME THING THAT GOES ON HERE. IT REQUIRES A
19 UNIQUE KIND OF PERSONALITY, CAPABILITY AND A SKILL SET THAT
20 HOPEFULLY THE TRAINING WILL TAKE PEOPLE THROUGH AND AS THEY
21 BUILD SKILLS ON THE JOB. BUT I DO THINK THAT THE MOST
22 SIGNIFICANT PART IS THAT WE NEED TO BRING DOWN ALL OF THOSE
23 BARRIERS: GETTING IN, MOVING UP, WORKING AND DOING THAT. AND
24 TAKING CARE OF THOSE BAD BOYS AND SOMETIMES WOMEN, AS WELL,
25 THAT JUST DON'T HONOR AND RESPECT THE ENVIRONMENT IN ORDER



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1 THAT SHOULD BE FAIR OF ANY DISCRIMINATION AND ALLOW THE
2 MAXIMUM EQUITY. BUT I'M GLAD TO SEE THE DEPARTMENT IS REALLY
3 MAKING SOME DRAMATIC CHANGES THERE. AND I'VE SEEN MUCH OF
4 WHAT'S GONE ON AND I THINK A LOT OF IT IS FROM THE TOP. ONCE
5 THE CHIEF COMMANDERS, EVERYBODY STARTED GETTING IT, I THINK
6 IT'S BEEN FILTERING ALL THE WAY DOWN AND IT'S A VERY, VERY
7 GOOD THING TO SEE.

8

9 **LARRY WALDIE:** THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** DO YOU STILL REQUIRE-- DO YOU HAVE
12 THE 6-FOOT WALL REQUIREMENT?

13

14 **LARRY WALDIE:** YES. THEY STILL HAVE TO CLIMB THE WALL.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE:** THEY CAN DO IT.

17

18 **COMMANDER LINDA CASTRO:** IT CAN BE DONE.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I KNOW THEY CAN DO IT BUT I'VE
21 ALWAYS FOUND THAT TO BE SUCH A BOGUS REQUIREMENT. I MEAN,
22 STAMINA IS ONE THING.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU'VE NEVER DONE POLICE WORK, ZEV.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH. NO, I'D LIKE TO TAKE ALL OF
2 THE SERGEANTS AND SEE HOW MANY OF THEM COULD CLIMB-- AND THE
3 LIEUTENANTS, PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN AROUND AWHILE, AND SEE HOW
4 MANY-- I ONCE SAID THIS TO FORMER CHIEF OF POLICE AT L.A.P.D.,
5 I WON'T MENTION HIS NAME, BUT HE WASN'T IN GOOD SHAPE, AND I
6 ASKED HIM, CAN YOU CLIMB THE 6-FOOT WALL? BUT THERE ARE A LOT
7 OF PEOPLE IN THE FIELD WHO COULDN'T DO IT AND I DON'T...

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THEY'RE NOT ON FOOT PATROL.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE:** BUT HAS L.A. ELIMINATED THE 6-FOOT?

12

13 **LARRY WALDIE:** I DON'T KNOW WHAT THEIR CRITERIA IS BUT WE DID A
14 COMPLETE STUDY. WE HAD PROFESSIONALS COME IN TO DETERMINE WHAT
15 WAS REQUIRED TO BE ABLE TO FUNCTION AS A POLICE OFFICER ON THE
16 STREETS AND ONE OF THE CRITERIA IS THEY DETERMINED AND
17 VALIDATED IT WAS THAT THE WALL WAS NECESSARY. NOW, I COULDN'T
18 JUMP THE WALL EITHER, TODAY, MAYBE A LOT OF SERGEANTS AND
19 LIEUTENANTS, SO WE HAVE YOUNG DEPUTIES JUMP THE WALL FOR US.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MY ARGUMENT, AND I WON'T PURSUE
22 THIS, BUT MY ARGUMENT IS IF IT'S THAT IMPORTANT, THEN THERE
23 OUGHT TO BE A PROFICIENCY TEST FOR THE MEN AND WOMEN IN THE
24 FIELD. THEY OUGHT TO HAVE TO CLIMB THE 6-FOOT WALL ONCE A
25 YEAR, JUST LIKE YOU HAVE TO GET A PROFICIENCY TEST WITH YOUR



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1 FIREARM IF IT WAS THAT IMPORTANT. IF THEY DON'T REQUIRE IT
2 EVERY YEAR, THEN IT'S PROBABLY NOT IMPORTANT AND I BELIEVE
3 THAT IT WAS JUST ONE TOOL THAT WAS USED TO-- NOT JUST TO
4 DISCRIMINATE AGAINST WOMEN BUT AGAINST SHORTER APPLICANTS, MEN
5 OR WOMEN, AND WOMEN DO TEND TO BE SHORTER THAN MEN ON THE
6 NATURAL, BUT MEN WHO ARE SHORTER HAD A HARDER TIME CLIMBING
7 THE 6-FOOT WALL, TOO. ANYWAY, IT WAS AN INTERESTING DEBATE.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ZEV, YOU OUGHT TO SPEND TIME ON PATROL A
10 COUPLE WEEKS...

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I HAVE, MIKE.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOT A COUPLE HOURS BUT A COUPLE WEEKS
15 STRAIGHT AND SEE WHAT THEY GO THROUGH.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH, I HAVE.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHY THEY HAVE TO DO WHAT THEY HAVE TO DO
20 AND THEY ARE NOT IN ALL ADMINISTRATIVE LEVELS WHERE THEY CAN
21 REFLECT BUT THEY'RE ON THE STREET DOING WHAT THEY HAVE TO DO.
22 AND THAT MEANS CLIMBING A WALL AND SOMETIMES IT'S HIGHER AND
23 SOMETIMES IT'S NOT.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THEN I THINK WE OUGHT TO REQUIRE,
2 IF THAT'S THE CASE, WE OUGHT TO REQUIRE THEY BE TESTED ONCE A
3 YEAR JUST TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE ALL UP TO SNUFF.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE:** ARE YOU A TRAINING EXPERT NOW?

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, I AM AN EXPERT ON THE WALL,
8 AT LEAST NOT BEING ABLE TO SCALE IT. THAT IS MY EXPERTISE.
9 THANK YOU. THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. OH, MR. CLAYTON, IS HE
10 HERE? HE WANTED TO BE HEARD ON THIS ITEM?

11

12 **ALAN CLAYTON:** I HAVE SOME INFORMATION I WANTED TO PASS OUT.
13 EACH OF THE BOARD MEMBERS CAN HAVE IT. MY NAME IS ALAN
14 CLAYTON, I AM HERE REPRESENTING THE L.A. COUNTY CHICANO
15 EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION. THE INFORMATION I'M PASSING OUT IS DATA
16 FROM THE COUNTY. I DO PERIODIC REPORTS. I MEET WITH DEPARTMENT
17 HEADS AND I MEET WITH COUNTY OFFICIALS. AND I ALSO COMPILE
18 DATA IF WE FILE FEDERAL COMPLAINTS. THIS IS DATA THAT I HAVE
19 USED IN FILING COMPLAINTS AGAINST THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT. A
20 CASE AT THAT WE DID SETTLE AMICABLY, WHICH IS CURRENTLY UNDER
21 A-- WE JUST EXTENDED THE AGREEMENT FOR ANOTHER YEAR SO I'M
22 VERY FAMILIAR WITH E.E.O. RULES. THE CONCERN I HAVE WITH THE
23 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, AND I'VE DEALT WITH THEM SINCE THE '80S,
24 AND ORIGINALLY BACK IN THE '80S, WE HAD MAJOR FIGHT OVER
25 RECRUITING BECAUSE THEY WERE GOING OUT TO THE MIDWEST TOO MANY



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1 TIMES TO RECRUIT, NOT ENOUGH LOCAL RECRUITING, ESPECIALLY ON
2 THE EAST SIDE. IN TERMS OF FEMALES, THEY HAVE DONE A VERY GOOD
3 JOB IN TERMS OF BRINGING FEMALES INTO THE DEPARTMENT. THE
4 NUMBERS SHOW THAT I'M ALSO FAMILIAR WITH WHAT L.A.P.D. DID AND
5 I'M ALSO FAMILIAR WITH THE HIGHWAY PATROL BECAUSE I TOOK THEM
6 ON OVER THIS ISSUE BACK IN '85 OVER THE LACK OF FEMALES IN THE
7 HIGHWAY PATROL SO IT'S SOMETHING I KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT. THE
8 PROBLEM IS, IS ONCE THEY GET IN, IS THE PROMOTIONAL PATH, I
9 PROVIDED YOU WITH DATA THAT SHOWS, IF YOU LOOK AT THE DATA IN
10 TERMS OF THE NUMBERS, FOR EXAMPLE, HISPANIC FEMALES, 530 AT A
11 DEPUTY, 50 AT THE SERGEANT, WHITE FEMALES 375 AT THE DEPUTY,
12 93 AT THE SERGEANT. IT'S ABOUT A 3-1/2 TO 4 RATIO FOR WHITE
13 FEMALES. IT'S A 10 TO 1 RATIO. STATISTICALLY, THAT'S
14 SIGNIFICANT. IF YOU LOOK AT THOSE NUMBERS UNDER THE UNIFORM
15 GUIDELINES, THAT'S AN INFERENCE THAT THERE MAY BE
16 DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES. IF YOU GO TO THE NEXT LEVEL, WHITE
17 FEMALES, 93 AT THE SERGEANT, 40 AT THE LIEUTENANT. HISPANIC
18 FEMALES, 50 AND 6. AGAIN, THAT'S STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT.
19 THE SAME ISSUE DEALS WITH MALES ALSO. I PROVIDED YOU WITH THAT
20 DATA. YOU SHOULD ALSO KNOW AND MAYBE YOU'RE NOT BEEN MADE
21 AWARE OF, THERE'S A FEDERAL INVESTIGATION OF THE SHERIFF'S
22 DEPARTMENT. IT WAS FILED IN JULY OF 2003 BY THE HISPANIC
23 POLICE COMMAND OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION. THAT'S BEEN GOING ON
24 NOW. WE'RE WAITING FOR THE E.E.O.C. TO ISSUE A DECISION. BUT
25 IN APPLAUDING THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ON RECRUITING, I CANNOT



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1 SAY THE SAME FOR PROMOTIONS. THE RECORD IS DISMAL IN TERMS OF
2 LATINO PROMOTIONS. WE'RE WAITING FOR THE DECISION OF THE
3 E.E.O.C. I'M VERY FAMILIAR WITH IT. I FILED THE CASE BACK IN
4 '87 AGAINST THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT WHERE EVENTUALLY YOU LOST
5 AND YOU WERE UNDER THE FEDS FOR EIGHT YEARS. SO PLEASE TAKE A
6 LOOK AT THIS DATA. IT'S VERY SERIOUS DATA. I'M NOT MAKING
7 STATEMENTS WITHOUT FACTS. THE FACTS ARE, YOU HAVE A REAL
8 SERIOUS PROBLEM IN TERMS OF LATINO PROMOTIONS IN THIS
9 DEPARTMENT AND YOU SHOULD TAKE A LOOK AT IT BECAUSE YOU TALKED
10 TODAY ABOUT DISCRIMINATION AND THE COST OF THE DECREES. YOU
11 SHOULD PAY CLOSE ATTENTION.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

14

15 **ALAN CLAYTON:** THANK YOU. MR. CLAYTON, AS LONG AS YOU'RE HERE,
16 YOU ALSO WANTED TO BE HEARD ON CLOSED SESSION ITEM C.S.-1?

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18 **ALAN CLAYTON:** NO.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YOU DIDN'T? IS THIS THE ONLY ITEM
21 YOU WANTED TO BE HEARD ON?

22

23 **ALAN CLAYTON:** NO. I WAS ON 74.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** 74, DO YOU WANT TO TAKE AS LONG AS
2 YOU'RE HERE?

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4 **ALAN CLAYTON:** SURE. THE CONCERN ON 74 IS THAT YOU'RE DEALING
5 WITH A PROPOSAL THAT THE GOVERNOR HAS TO BASICALLY MOVE
6 INDIVIDUALS TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE COUNTY. THE PROBLEM
7 WITH THE CURRENT PROPOSAL IS THERE'S NOT ENOUGH FUNDING AND
8 THERE NEEDS TO BE A STREAM OF REVENUE. BASICALLY, I TALKED TO
9 CHIEF TAYLOR ABOUT IT. WE'RE SUPPORTIVE OF THE CONCEPT WITH
10 THE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE BY C.P.O.C. AND THEY
11 HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH C.S.A.C. AND WE'RE SUPPORTIVE OF THE
12 CONCEPT BUT WE BELIEVE THAT IT NEEDS A LOT OF WORK AND WE
13 BELIEVE THAT BRINGING THE YOUTH BACK HERE WHERE THEY CAN
14 RECEIVE REHABILITATIVE SERVICES IS A GOOD POLICY. WHAT THE
15 CHIEF HAS BEEN DOING IS TRYING TO DEVELOP PROGRAMS TO BRING
16 ABOUT CHANGES IN THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT THAT WE HAVE
17 SUPPORTED, DEALING WITH THE STAFFING ISSUES, DEALING WITH MORE
18 RESOURCES, WITH MENTAL HEALTH AND OTHER PROGRAMS. HE'S TRYING
19 TO DO THE SAME THING WITH THE ADULT PROBATIONERS. AND WE
20 BELIEVE THAT'S VERY PROGRESSIVE AND VERY SUPPORTIVE OF BOTH
21 THE COMMUNITY, BECAUSE IT WILL REDUCE CRIME WHEN YOU PROVIDE
22 THOSE KIND OF SERVICES, AND SUPPORTIVE OF THE YOUTH AND THEIR
23 FAMILIES BY TRYING TO GET THE YOUTH BACK INTO A PRODUCTIVE
24 LIFESTYLE. BUT THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSAL IS INADEQUATE IN TERMS
25 OF THE AMOUNT OF RESOURCES THEY'RE OFFERING THE COUNTY. ALSO,



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1 YOU WANT A CONTINUAL REVENUE STREAM. SO WHAT WE'RE SAYING IS
2 TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT'S GOING ON IN SACRAMENTO. WORK WITH
3 C.S.A.C., WORK WITH THE CHIEF PROBATION OFFICERS AND SEE IF
4 THERE'S A WAY THAT THE PROPOSAL CAN BE MADE STRONGER IN TERMS
5 OF FUNDING, IN TERMS OF CONTINUED REVENUE STREAM. WHAT YOU
6 DON'T WANT IS A ONE-TIME SHOT AND THEN YOU DON'T HAVE THE
7 REVENUE STREAM. I WORKED BACK IN 2000 ON THE SCHIFF CARDIN'S
8 JUVENILE JUSTICE CRIME PREVENTION ACT. I WROTE THE ORIGINAL
9 PROPOSAL FOR TONY CARDENAS AND I WAS BEFORE YOUR BOARD ON
10 THAT. SUPERVISOR KNABE SUPPORTED IT EARLIER. AND YOU KNOW
11 WHAT? ANYBODY THAT LOOKS AT THAT NOW, THAT'S A MODEL FOR THE
12 COUNTRY. L.A. COUNTY GETS ABOUT \$35 MILLION A YEAR IN NEW
13 MONEY BECAUSE OF THAT ACT. AND WHEN WE ORIGINALLY PROPOSED IT,
14 WE HAD VERY LITTLE SUPPORT. BUT WE WERE ABLE TO GET SUPPORT,
15 WORKING WITH BOTH REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS AND NOW THE
16 GOVERNOR LIKES IT. THIS COULD BE SOMETHING SIMILAR TO THAT IF
17 YOU FLESH OUT THE PROBLEMS. ONE IS THE GOVERNOR'S NOT PUT
18 ENOUGH MONEY ON THE TABLE FOR THE COUNTIES. TWO, YOU NEED TO
19 LOOK AT SOME OF THE ISSUES DEALING WITH HOW YOU DEAL WITH
20 OFFENDERS. YOU NEED TO LOOK AT THE ISSUE OF HOW YOU DEAL WITH
21 FEMALES. ONE OF THE ISSUES IS YOU NEED TO LOOK AT WHAT THE
22 CHIEF IS DOING NOW IS LOOKING AT WAYS MORE EFFECTIVELY TO DEAL
23 WITH FEMALES IN TERMS OF SERVICE DELIVERY. THAT'S AN ISSUE WE
24 RAISED UNDER SCHIFF-CARDENAS. IN FACT, WE HAD MONEY PUT IN
25 THERE SPECIFICALLY AND, IN THE ORIGINAL DISCUSSIONS, WHEN THE



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1 JUVENILE COORDINATING COUNCIL MET, I WAS ON ONE OF THE
2 COMMITTEES. ACTUALLY, I CO-CHAired ONE OF THE SUBCOMMITTEES
3 DEALING WITH FUNDING FOR GIRLS PROGRAMS. THAT'S AN AREA THAT
4 STILL NEEDS TO BE LOOKED AT BECAUSE GIRLS HAVE DIFFERENT
5 ISSUES AND DIFFERENT NEEDS AND WE HOPE YOU TAKE A SERIOUS LOOK
6 AT IT. WE SUPPORT THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH C.P.O.C., C.S.A.C. ON
7 THAT PARTICULAR ISSUE. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NO OTHER DISCUSSION ON
10 S-1, I THINK WE'LL JUST NOTE AND FILE THAT REPORT. WE HAVE
11 ITEM 74 BEFORE US. IS CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER TAYLOR HERE?
12 GOOD MORNING. GOOD AFTERNOON.

13

14 **ROBERT TAYLOR:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SIR.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YOU'RE ON.

17

18 **CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER ROBERT TAYLOR:** ALL RIGHT, SIR. ON MAY
19 22ND, 2007, ON A MOTION OF SUPERVISOR MOLINA, THE BOARD
20 DIRECTED ME TO REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD REGARDING GOVERNOR
21 SCHWARZENEGGER'S PROPOSAL ON THE JUVENILE JUSTICE INITIATIVE.
22 THE GOVERNOR IN HIS MAY REVISION OF THE BUDGET REQUESTED THAT
23 900 OR SO WARDS IN STATE FACILITIES BE RETURNED TO THE
24 COUNTIES. PART OF THAT INITIATIVE INDICATED THAT THE STATE
25 WOULD STOP TAKING FEMALE OFFENDERS, STOP TAKING MENTALLY ILL



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1 OFFENDERS AND THAT WARDS THAT WERE THERE FOR NON-707(B)
2 OFFENSES WOULD BE RETURNED TO THE COUNTIES. THERE WAS
3 NEGOTIATION THAT TOOK PLACE BETWEEN C.P.O.C. AND C.S.A.C. AND
4 THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE. AND, AS A RESULT OF THAT, SOME
5 ADJUSTMENTS WERE MADE IN THE ORIGINAL PROPOSAL THAT THE
6 GOVERNOR HAD. AND THE CURRENT PROPOSAL REVISING THE GOVERNOR'S
7 ORIGINAL PROPOSAL NOW WOULD ALLOW COUNTIES TO CONTINUE TO SEND
8 707(B) OFFENDERS TO THE STATE BUT THE COUNTIES WOULD
9 DISCONTINUE SENDING NON-707(B) OFFENDERS TO THE STATE. THERE
10 WOULD BE NO CHANGE WITH REGARD TO THE GENDER OF PEOPLE BEING
11 SENT TO STATE FACILITIES. THERE WOULD ALSO BE NO CHANGE WITH
12 REGARD TO ANY HEALTH OR MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES WITH REGARD TO
13 OFFENDERS. THE COUNTIES WOULD ALSO DISCONTINUE THE PROCESS OF
14 SENDING NONVIOLENT PROBATION VIOLATORS TO THE STATE.
15 CURRENTLY, AS OF LAST WEEK, THIS MATTER WENT TO CONFERENCE
16 COMMITTEE AND IT'S STILL IN CONFERENCE COMMITTEE. IT WENT TO
17 CONFERENCE COMMITTEE BECAUSE THE ASSEMBLY AGREED SUBSTANTIALLY
18 WITH THE REVISIONS IN THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSAL. THE SENATE
19 WANTED TO ADD SOME FUNDING TO IT AND SO NEGOTIATIONS ARE NOW
20 GOING ON BETWEEN BOTH HOUSES TO DECIDE ON THIS MEASURE.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ANY COMMENTS?

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** I DO HAVE A LOT OF QUESTIONS.

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MS. MOLINA.

2

3 **SUP. MOLINA:** FIRST OF ALL, THIS IS ANOTHER ONE OF THOSE
4 REPORTS THAT CAME OUT OF THE C.A.O.'S OFFICE, LIKE, WHAT, A
5 HALF HOUR AGO? YESTERDAY MORNING.

6

7 **DEPUTY C.A.O. SHARON HARPER:** YESTERDAY MORNING, CORRECT.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHICH WAS-- WHICH, AGAIN, CREATES A PROBLEM
10 BECAUSE WE'RE NOT SURE BECAUSE THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE.
11 AND, MR. TAYLOR, I APPRECIATE THE POSITION THAT YOU'VE BEEN
12 GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY, YOU'RE NOT ONLY OUR ADVOCATE BUT YOU'RE
13 ALSO ADVOCATING ON BEHALF OF ALL PROBATION OFFICERS, AS I
14 UNDERSTAND. THEY'VE COLLECTIVELY SELECTED YOU TO CARRY OUT
15 THAT ROLE, IS THAT CORRECT?

16

17 **ROBERT TAYLOR:** YES, SUPERVISOR MOLINA, THAT'S CORRECT.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND SO, CONSEQUENTLY, YOU ARE HAVING TO WEAR TWO
20 HATS AND I THINK THAT YOU UNDERSTAND AND RECOGNIZE THE
21 CRITICAL COMPONENT FOR OUR. AND I THINK PROBABLY EXPRESSING IT
22 FOR ALL OF THEM GIVES US MORE VALIDITY. BUT, AT THE SAME TIME,
23 I HOPE IT DOESN'T TAKE AWAY FROM SOME OF THE ESSENTIAL
24 COMPONENTS THAT WE HAVE, AS WELL. PRESENTLY, AS I UNDERSTAND



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1 THE POSITION THAT THE C.A.O. HAS RECOMMENDED ON THIS HAS BEEN
2 TO BASICALLY SUPPORT, QUOTE, IN CONCEPT.

3

4 **DEPUTY C.A.O. SHARON HARPER:** CORRECT.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND THE POSITION THAT MR. TAYLOR HAS ADVOCATED
7 HAS BEEN WHAT?

8

9 **ROBERT TAYLOR:** I ALSO SUPPORT THE CONCEPT. I DISAGREE WITH THE
10 CURRENT FUNDING PROPOSAL THAT'S BEEN OFFERED. THE CURRENT
11 FUNDING LEVEL THAT'S BEEN OFFERED IS \$94,000. AND I THINK
12 THAT'S ANOTHER ONE OF THE REASONS THAT THIS IS IN CONFERENCE
13 COMMITTEE. I THINK THAT IT SHOULD BE SUBSTANTIALLY MORE THAN
14 THAT.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** I WOULD AGREE WITH YOU. AND I WANT TO UNDERSTAND
17 AS TO HOW EFFECTIVE WE ARE. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT, WHEN I
18 WENT UP TO SACRAMENTO NOT TOO LONG AGO, IS THAT THERE ARE A
19 LOT OF OUR OWN COLLEAGUES IN OUR OWN DELEGATION THAT DID NOT
20 UNDERSTAND OUR POSITION OR HOW WE FELT OR WHAT IT WOULD MEAN.
21 AND I HOPE THAT WE ARE DOING SOME WORK TO EDUCATE MANY OF THEM
22 THAT REPRESENT L.A. COUNTY. WE'RE A VERY LARGE DELEGATION AND
23 THERE'S A TREMENDOUS INTEREST. AND IT ISN'T JUST THE COMMITTEE
24 BUT, REALLY, THE LARGER GROUP, INCLUDING THE SPEAKER. BECAUSE
25 THIS ISSUE IS-- THIS KIND OF A TRANSITION, WHICH COULD WORK,



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1 COULD WORK BUT COULD ALSO BACKFIRE ON US DRAMATICALLY. AND I'M
2 VERY CONCERNED. WHEN WE'RE TALKING ABOUT-- WELL, AND THEN
3 AGAIN, THEY DON'T CALL IT C.Y.A. ANY MORE, WHAT DO THEY CALL
4 IT?

5

6 **ROBERT TAYLOR:** D.J.J., THE DIVISION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** OKAY. D.J.J. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT SOME REALLY
9 HARDCORE KIDS THAT-- AND THE PEOPLE THAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT,
10 EVEN THOUGH THEY'RE, WHAT? 707?

11

12 **ROBERT TAYLOR:** THEY'RE NON-707(B)S, WHICH MEANS THAT THEY'RE
13 NOT SERIOUS OFFENDERS.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT THEY'RE BORDERLINE. I MEAN, GIVE ME AN
16 EXAMPLE OF ONE THAT WOULD BE A NON-707(B).

17

18 **ROBERT TAYLOR:** SOMEBODY WHO WAS INVOLVED IN PETTY THEFT.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO, THAT'S THE LOW END. COME ON.

21

22 **ROBERT TAYLOR:** THAT'S A NON-707(B). A 707(B) WOULD BE A RAPIST,
23 AN ARSONIST, A MURDERER.

24

25 **SUP. MOLINA:** WE'RE NOT GETTING ANY OF THOSE.



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2 **ROBERT TAYLOR:** NO. THOSE WE CURRENTLY SEND AWAY TO THE STATE.
3 AND WE DO HAVE SOME OF THOSE 707(B)S IN OUR FACILITIES, IN OUR
4 CAMPS.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** HOW MANY PETTY THEFT 707S WERE GOING TO C.Y.A.
7 LAST YEAR OR THE YEAR BEFORE THAT?

8

9 **ROBERT TAYLOR:** I DON'T HAVE THAT INFORMATION IN FRONT OF ME. I
10 DON'T KNOW WHAT THE BREAKDOWN...

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** NONE. NONE. SO WHEN WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THEM
13 KICKING THEM BACK TO US, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE HEAVY DUTY
14 FOLKS, RIGHT?

15

16 **ROBERT TAYLOR:** THE HEAVY DUTY FOLKS WOULD BE THOSE THAT ARE
17 CLASSIFIED AS 707(B)S, THE MURDERERS, THE RAPISTS, THE
18 ARSONISTS, THOSE ARE-- THOSE THAT COMMIT ASSAULTS WITH A
19 DEADLY WEAPON, THOSE ARE THE HEAVY OFFENDERS.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND THEY ARE GOING TO GO WHERE?

22

23 **ROBERT TAYLOR:** SOME OF THOSE, DEPENDING UPON THE NATURE OF THE
24 CRIME, FOR EXAMPLE, IF IT'S SOMEBODY WHO IS INVOLVED WITH AN
25 AGGRAVATED ASSAULT BUY HE DOESN'T HAVE ANY HISTORY, THE COURT



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1 MAY DECIDE THAT THE BEST PLACE FOR HIM WOULD BE IN A CAMP
2 SETTING RATHER THAN SENDING HIM AWAY TO THE STATE.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** BECAUSE MY CONCERN IS THAT I DON'T THINK IT'S THE
5 LIGHTWEIGHTS THAT WE'RE GOING TO GET ON HERE. IT ISN'T THE
6 PETTY THEFT. I THINK WE ARE GOING TO GET SOME VERY HARDCORE
7 FOLKS. EVEN TODAY, WE HAVE SOME HARDCORE FOLKS BECAUSE THE
8 JUDGES ARE VERY NERVOUS ABOUT SENDING SOME OF THESE PEOPLE UP
9 TO, QUOTE, D.D.J. OR WHATEVER IT'S CALLED, CORRECT?

10

11 **ROBERT TAYLOR:** YES, SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND SO THE ISSUE IS, ARE WE GOING TO HAVE THE
14 ABILITY TO TAKE ON THESE FOLKS? NOT JUST THE MONEY BUT THE
15 CAPABILITY. DO WE HAVE THE TRAINED STAFF? DO WE HAVE THE
16 FACILITIES? DO WE HAVE THE ABILITY TO MEET THEIR UNIQUE NEEDS?
17 BECAUSE THAT IS SOME OF THE CHALLENGES THAT THEY'RE FACING AT
18 THE STATE LEVEL AND THAT IS A BIG COMPONENT. SO IT ISN'T JUST
19 THE MONEY. I'M WONDERING IF WE ARE PREPARED TO DEAL WITH IT
20 WITHIN OUR FACILITIES, EVEN THOUGH I KNOW WE HAVE VACANT BEDS
21 AND THERE'S ABILITY FOR US TO ABSORB A GOOD NUMBER, I'M
22 TALKING ABOUT THE LEVEL OF THE KID THAT WE MIGHT BE
23 RESPONSIBLE FOR HERE.

24



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1 **ROBERT TAYLOR:** I BELIEVE WE HAVE THE ABILITY TO TAKE CARE OF
2 THEM, YES.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. IF THAT IS THE CASE AND, AS YOU ARE
5 PROVIDING INPUT INTO THIS DISCUSSION THAT'S IN THE CONFERENCE
6 COMMITTEE, ONE OF THE THINGS, OF COURSE, IS GOING TO BE THE
7 FINANCING. THE OTHER PART OF IT IS HOW WE'RE GOING TO
8 DELINEATE CLEARLY AS TO WHICH ONES THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE TO
9 TAKE AND WHICH ONES BELONG TO US BECAUSE ONE OF THE THINGS
10 EVEN WITH STATE PRISONERS WE'RE FINDING THEY GET REAL FUZZY IN
11 BETWEEN THE LINES AS TO WHOSE IS THEIRS AND WHOSE IS OURS AND
12 MAYBE THEY'RE, YOU KNOW, AND I THINK THOSE ISSUES NEED TO BE
13 DEFINED. HAS THAT BEEN DEFINED WELL IN THIS BILL?

14

15 **ROBERT TAYLOR:** WE THINK IT'S BETTER DEFINED NOW THAN IT WAS
16 INITIALLY. WHEN IT WAS ORIGINALLY DEFINED UNDER THE GOVERNOR'S
17 PROPOSAL, THE PROPOSAL INDICATED THAT THEY WOULDN'T TAKE ANY
18 MINORS IN THE CATEGORY 5, 6S, 7S AND 8S, THAT THOSE WOULD BE
19 RETAINED BY THE COUNTIES. WE WERE NOT COMFORTABLE WITH THEIR
20 USING THEIR OWN CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM, SO WE THOUGHT THAT A
21 BETTER WAY TO IDENTIFY THAT WAS SIMPLY BY USING THE WELFARE
22 AND INSTITUTIONS CODE, 707(B). THAT CLEARLY DEFINES A SET OF
23 OFFENDERS UNDER 707(B) AND WE WERE VERY COMFORTABLE WITH THAT
24 RATHER THAN USING THE STATE'S OWN CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM OF 5S,
25 6S, 7S AND 8S.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. BUT YET THERE ARE WHOLE SERIES OF
3 FOLKS THAT ARE THIS NON-707(B) THAT NORMALLY WOULD BELONG TO
4 US BUT DOES NOT HAVE A FIT FOR US, IS THAT CORRECT?

5

6 **ROBERT TAYLOR:** THAT'S CORRECT. THE NON-707(B)S WOULD BE ALL OF
7 THE OTHER OFFENSES NOT LISTED UNDER 707(B).

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT THERE ARE SOME. I MEAN THERE SEEMS TO BE, AT
10 LEAST FOR MY STAFF TELLS ME, THAT PART OF IT IS NOT AS CLEARLY
11 DEFINED AS YET.

12

13 **ROBERT TAYLOR:** 707(B) IS VERY CLEARLY DEFINED. THERE'S A WHOLE
14 LIST OF NEARLY 30 CRIMES THAT FALL UNDER THE CATEGORY 707(B).

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** COULD A JUDGE MAKE AN EXCEPTION TO THAT?

17

18 **ROBERT TAYLOR:** THE JUDGE, YES, AT THE TIME OF...

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** I MEAN, THEY'RE DOING IT NOW, RIGHT?

21

22 **ROBERT TAYLOR:** RIGHT. AT THE TIME OF SENTENCING, HE CAN MAKE A
23 DECISION, HE OR SHE CAN MAKE A DECISION AS TO WHAT THE MINOR,
24 THE PETITION WAS SUSTAINED FOR, THE PARTICULAR CRIME, AND MAKE
25 A DECISION AS TO WHERE THE MINOR SHOULD BE SENT.



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SUP. MOLINA: BECAUSE I AM NERVOUS ABOUT AS THAT SYSTEM-- I
DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO THAT SYSTEM BUT, AS IT
CONTINUES, THAT WE'RE GOING TO INHERIT MORE OF THE HARDCORE
AND NOT HAVE THE ABILITY TO DO IT, THEN WE ARE GOING TO HAVE
THE RESPONSIBILITY, NOT JUST THE MONEY BUT ALSO THE
RESPONSIBILITY. TELL ME ALSO, UNDER THE STATE, IT'S BEING
PRESENTLY REVIEWED BY DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, AS WE ARE. AND
THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE SOME MANDATES THAT ARE GOING TO BE
IMPOSED ON THEM, CORRECT?

11

ROBERT TAYLOR: YES, THAT'S CORRECT.

13

SUP. MOLINA: ALL RIGHT. NOW I DON'T KNOW WHAT THOSE MANDATES
MAY BE BUT ARE THEY GOING TO CARRY TO US AT THE COUNTY LEVEL,
AS WELL?

17

ROBERT TAYLOR: RIGHT NOW, THE STATE IS UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF
THE MASTER AS A PART OF THE FEUER LAWSUIT AND THE MASTER IS
DIRECTING MANY OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE STATE AS A RESULT OF
THAT LAWSUIT. AND I THINK THAT, YOU KNOW, ONE OF THE BEHIND
THE SCENE MOTIVATIONS, IF YOU WILL, FOR THIS PROPOSAL IS
CLEARLY TO REDUCE THE POPULATION IN STATE FACILITIES OF
JUVENILE OFFENDERS. BUT ACTUALLY THAT POPULATION HAS BEEN
REDUCED BY 46 PERCENT OVER THE PAST 10 YEARS FOR A COUPLE



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1 REASONS. ONE, THE NATURE OF CRIMINAL OFFENSE BY JUVENILES HAS
2 DECLINED BY THAT PERCENT OVER THE PAST 10 YEARS. SO THERE ARE
3 FEWER MINORS BEING ARRESTED FOR FELONY OFFENSES TODAY THAN
4 THERE WERE, FOR EXAMPLE, IN THE LATE 1950S. THAT'S HOW LOW IT
5 IS ON A PER CAPITA RATE. SO THERE ARE FEWER MINORS THAT ARE
6 COMMITTING CRIMES, FEWER MINORS THAT ARE BEING SENTENCED.
7 THERE'S ALSO AN INTEREST, IF YOU WILL, ON THE PART OF MOST
8 COUNTIES TO RETAIN THOSE MINORS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY SETTING
9 SO THAT THEY CAN HAVE CONTACT WITH THEIR FAMILY AND BECAUSE
10 THE COUNTIES ACTUALLY BELIEVE THAT WE CAN DO A BETTER JOB OF
11 REHABILITATION THAN WHAT THE STATE HAS BEEN ABLE TO PROVIDE
12 CERTAINLY WITHIN THE PAST FIVE TO 10 YEARS.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT AS FAR AS-- BUT THAT STILL DOESN'T ANSWER THE
15 QUESTION. I GUESS THE QUESTION CLEARLY IS, LET'S SAY THERE IS
16 A MANDATE TO PROVIDE SPECIALIZED KIND OF MENTAL HEALTH
17 SERVICES, SPECIALIZED REHABILITATIVE SERVICES, SPECIALIZED
18 EDUCATION RESPONSIBILITIES THAT THE D.O.J. MAY IMPOSE ON THE
19 STATE, WHAT I'M SAYING, WOULD THAT FILTER DOWN TO
20 RESPONSIBILITY FOR US? AND I THINK THIS IS SOMETHING THAT
21 MAYBE COUNTY COUNSEL MAY WANT TO LOOK AT BECAUSE I'M JUST
22 CONCERNED. I MEAN, I DON'T KNOW, BECAUSE IT'S A STATUTE,
23 WHETHER THAT WOULD REQUIRE IT OR PUSH IT DOWN OR THE STATE CAN
24 SAY, "WELL, WE DON'T HAVE THOSE KIDS ANY MORE SO IT'S NOT OUR
25 RESPONSIBILITY."



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2 **ROBERT TAYLOR:** WE'RE NOT A PART OF THE STATE LAWSUIT SO...

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND. BUT WE ARE GOING TO TAKE ON STATE--

5 WHAT NORMALLY HAVE BEEN STATE RESPONSIBLE. THESE, UNDER THIS

6 CODE SECTION, ARE THE ONES THAT USUALLY WENT TO C.Y.A. AND

7 THEY'RE BEING REVIEWED NOW. I'M JUST SAYING, IS THAT GOING TO

8 FOLLOW BACK DOWN? SO NOW WE'RE GOING TO HAVE ADDITIONAL

9 MANDATES THAT WE WILL BE RESPONSIBLE THAT WE WILL NOT BE

10 REIMBURSED FOR?

11

12 **ROBERT TAYLOR:** MOST OF THE NON-707(B) OFFENDERS ARE TREATED

13 LOCALLY. THERE ARE SOME THAT WE SEND TO THE STATE. CURRENTLY,

14 WE HAVE ABOUT 130 THAT ARE UP IN THE STATE FACILITY.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** I KNOW, BUT I'M NOT GETTING AN ANSWER TO MY

17 QUESTION. COULD WE CHECK THAT? BECAUSE I AM CONCERNED THAT IF,

18 IN FACT, D.O.J. COMES DOWN WITH A SET OF SANCTIONS, A SET OF

19 RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THAT POPULATION AND NOW THEY COME BACK TO

20 US OR THEY WERE ORIGINALLY TO GO THERE, IF THAT MEANS THAT WE

21 ARE GOING TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING WHATEVER THAT MAY

22 BE. I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS. IT MAY BE A CARE RATIO OF, YOU

23 KNOW, FOR EVERY THREE OF THOSE THAT WE HAVE TO HAVE ONE, YOU

24 KNOW, SUPERVISING PROBATIONARY OFFICER. I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT

25 MIGHT BE BUT I DO THINK IT'S SOMETHING TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT



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1 AND SHOULD BE PUT ON THE TABLE AND I DON'T KNOW TO THAT
2 EXTENT. THAT'S WHY I'M ASKING THE QUESTION.

3

4 **ROBERT TAYLOR:** OKAY.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. THEN THE OTHER PART OF IT, WHAT ABOUT-
7 - WE HAVE A REIMBURSEMENT RATE THAT, RIGHT NOW, WE DON'T THINK
8 MEETS OUR NEEDS. AND THAT JUST INCLUDES-- IS IT JUST YOUR
9 TOTAL COST?

10

11 **ROBERT TAYLOR:** NO. IT'S THE TOTAL COST FOR A MINOR THAT'S IN
12 CUSTODY IN OUR FACILITY. SO THAT WOULD INCLUDE HEALTHCARE
13 COSTS, MENTAL HEALTHCARE COSTS, ALL THE ASSOCIATED COSTS.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** INCLUDING EDUCATION?

16

17 **ROBERT TAYLOR:** EDUCATION FUNDING OCCURS THROUGH A DIFFERENT
18 FUNDING STREAM. WHAT WE DO IS WE PROVIDE THE FACILITIES FOR
19 EDUCATION BUT EDUCATION AS FAR AS THE REIMBURSEMENT HAS A
20 DIFFERENT FUNDING STREAM, WHICH WOULD INCLUDE PROP 98 MONEY.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** I KNOW. BUT ARE WE ALSO A PART OF MAKING SURE
23 THAT THAT EDUCATIONAL MONEY IS GOING TO BE AVAILABLE? BECAUSE
24 I DON'T WANT TO BE IN A SITUATION WHERE WE'RE NOT LOOKING AT
25 ALL OF THE RESPONSIBILITIES THAT WE HAVE TO THESE MINORS AND



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1 NOT MAKING SURE THAT WE ARE ADVOCATING ON THEIR BEHALF. SURE,
2 ANYBODY COULD APPLY FOR MORE FUNDS. ANYBODY CAN DO THOSE KIND
3 OF THINGS. BUT I THINK THAT IF, IN FACT, THESE KIDS ARE GOING
4 TO BE PUSHED DOWN TO US, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE EDUCATIONAL
5 RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THEM. ARE WE GOING TO HAVE THE DOLLARS
6 THAT TRAVEL WITH THOSE KIDS?

7

8 **DEPUTY C.A.O. SHARON HARPER:** SUPERVISOR, WE'RE CURRENTLY
9 LOOKING AT THAT ISSUE RIGHT NOW. AS WE UNDERSTAND THE TERMS OF
10 THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSAL, IT WAS SILENT ON THE EDUCATIONAL
11 PIECE AND IT BASICALLY...

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT WE SHOULDN'T BE SILENT.

14

15 **DEPUTY C.A.O. SHARON HARPER:** NO AND WE'RE NOT GOING TO BE
16 SILENT ON IT. WE ARE GOING TO LOOK INTO IT. OUR PRELIMINARY
17 INVESTIGATION INDICATES ABOUT A THIRD OF THESE TYPES OF
18 JUVENILES REQUIRE SPECIAL NEEDS IN EDUCATION AND THE CURRENT
19 DOLLARS THAT WE'RE RECEIVING WOULD NOT BE SUFFICIENT UNDER
20 PROP 98 IN ORDER TO COVER ALL THE SPECIAL NEEDS REGARDING
21 THEIR EDUCATIONAL NEEDS. AND SO WE'RE GOING TO ACTUALLY
22 REQUEST TODAY THAT PART OF THE THINGS THAT WE LOOK AT AND
23 INCLUDE IN RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHANGES BACK TO THE STATE DOES
24 INCLUDE SUFFICIENT DOLLARS UNDER PROP 98 FUNDS TO COVER THE
25 EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OF THESE JUVENILES.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** BECAUSE I THINK IT'S A CRITICAL COMPONENT, MR.
3 TAYLOR, BECAUSE, LATER ON, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE THIS NEED AND
4 WE'RE NOT GOING TO HAVE IT AND WE'RE GOING TO BE HELD
5 ACCOUNTABLE. AND I DON'T WANT TO BE FIXING THE STATE'S CONSENT
6 DECREE PROBLEM OR THE STATE'S POTENTIAL CONSENT DECREE PROBLEM
7 BY PUSHING IT DOWN TO US. I UNDERSTAND THAT THEY'RE IN A BAD
8 SITUATION. THESE ARE OUR KIDS. THEY REQUIRE C.Y.A. OR WHATEVER
9 IT'S CALLED NOW. IT IS REALLY NOT A GOOD PLACE. IT DOESN'T
10 PROVIDE ANY KIND OF REHAB WHATSOEVER. SOME OF THESE KIDS DO
11 NEED A CHANCE BUT, AT THE SAME TIME, I DON'T WANT US TO TAKE
12 ON OWNERSHIP AND RESPONSIBILITY WHEN IT DOESN'T HAVE THE
13 SUPPORTIVE SERVICES THAT ARE NEEDED IF WE'RE GOING TO BE
14 EFFECTIVE WITH THESE KIDS. AND SO LET'S NOT HAVE THE STATE
15 PUSHING BACK DOWN ON US WITHOUT HAVING THE MONEY THAT GOES
16 WITH IT, A CLEAR TRANSITION AS TO HOW WE'RE GOING TO GET
17 THERE, A PROCESS THAT WE'RE GOING TO GET UP TO SPEED AND MEET
18 THAT. AND SO I DON'T WANT US TO BE OVER PROMISING IF WE ARE
19 NOT READY TO GO IN THOSE AREAS BECAUSE WE ARE BEING WATCHED BY
20 D.O.J., AS WELL.

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22 **ROBERT TAYLOR:** I AGREE AND I UNDERSTAND AND THAT'S WHY I SAID
23 THAT THE PROPOSAL LACKED ADEQUATE FUNDING.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND AT WHAT LEVEL ARE YOU GOING TO PURSUE WHAT IS
2 ADEQUATE LEVEL OF FUNDING?

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4 **ROBERT TAYLOR:** I BELIEVE THAT THE \$130,000 FIGURE IS A
5 REASONABLE LEVEL.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND ARE YOU GOING TO DO IT FOR EVERY SINGLE KID
8 UNDER THAT LEVEL THAT WE'RE GOING TO GET IT? OR IS IT GOING TO
9 BE I HAVE \$10 MILLION AND I'M GOING THE DIVIDE IT UP BY COUNTY
10 AND YOU GET A PROPORTIONATE SHARE? OR ARE YOU GOING TO GO, "I
11 HAVE 350 KIDS SO I NEED 100 PER DAY REIMBURSEMENT FOR THOSE
12 KIDS?"

13

14 **ROBERT TAYLOR:** NO, I SEE IT AS PER MINOR PER YEAR, YES.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT, MR. ANTONOVICH, IN FIVE
17 MINUTES, WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'M FOLLOWING UP ON THE EDUCATION ISSUE. IS
20 THERE MONEY UP FRONT IF WE HAVE TO ABSORB THESE COSTS FOR
21 SPECIAL EDUCATION CHILDREN?

22

23 **DEPUTY C.A.O. SHARON HARPER:** THE ISSUE ON EDUCATION WE'RE
24 GOING TO HAVE TO LOOK AT SEPARATELY BECAUSE THE PROPOSAL
25 THAT'S CURRENTLY ON THE TABLE DOES NOT SPECIFICALLY ADDRESS



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1 EDUCATION. EDUCATION COMES OUT OF A SEPARATE FUNDING STREAM.
2 AND SO, WHEN WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE 130,000 THAT WE'RE TRYING
3 TO GET IT UP TO, IT DOES NOT ADDRESS THE EDUCATION. WE NEED TO
4 LOOK AT THE EDUCATIONAL PIECE. AND IT DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY UP
5 FRONT FUNDING. THAT'S ONE OF THE ITEMS THAT WE THINK SHOULD BE
6 INCLUDED. ANY ONE-TIME EXPENDITURES THAT WE'D HAVE TO READY
7 OUR FACILITIES TO RECEIVE THESE JUVENILES SHOULD BE INCLUDED
8 IN, IN ADDITION TO ANY ONE-TIME PROGRAM COSTS.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT IF THE LAW IS PASSED, IS THIS TO BE PART
11 OF THE BUDGET OR IS THIS GOING TO BE IN A TRAILER BILL?

12

13 **ROBERT TAYLOR:** IT WILL BE PART OF THE BUDGET.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** PART OF THE BUDGET?

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17 **ROBERT TAYLOR:** YES.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHEN WOULD IT TAKE EFFECT? WOULD IT TAKE
20 EFFECT JULY 1ST OR JANUARY 1ST?

21

22 **ROBERT TAYLOR:** THE CURRENT PROPOSAL IS JULY 1ST.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. IT'S JULY 1ST. AND THEN THE COUNTY IS
25 GOING TO BE FACED WITH SPECIAL ED COSTS FOR THESE CHILDREN AND



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1 THEY ARE IN NO ONE'S PROPOSED BUDGET, FROM THE C.A.O. OR FROM
2 ANY OF THE BOARD OR FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. SO, ALL
3 OF A SUDDEN, WE HAVE A BALLOON PAYMENT. HOW DO WE DEAL WITH
4 THAT?

5

6 **ROBERT TAYLOR:** ONE PART OF THE PROPOSAL IS THAT THESE MINORS
7 WOULD BE RETURNED TO THE COUNTIES ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS. WE
8 DON'T REALLY-- WE'RE NOT INTERESTED IN SEEING ANY OF THESE
9 MINORS RETURNED TO THE COUNTY. SO, BEGINNING JULY 1ST, WHEN
10 THE LAW TAKES EFFECT, THAT'S THE POINT IN TIME WHEN WE WOULD
11 MAKE A DECISION TO NO LONGER SEND NON-707(B)S TO THE STATE.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT DO WE HAVE RECOURSE IN THE COURTS? THAT
14 MAY TAKE YEARS. AND HOW ARE WE GOING TO ABSORB THOSE COSTS IN
15 THE MEANTIME?

16

17 **DEPUTY C.A.O. SHARON HARPER:** WELL, AT THIS POINT, THIS IS WHY
18 WE HAVE TO WORK WITH L.A.C.O.E. AND ALSO OUR LEGISLATIVE
19 ADVOCATES IN SACRAMENTO TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE IS SUFFICIENT
20 FUNDING IN BOTH CATEGORIES.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SOMEHOW, IF WE'RE NOT MAKING PROGRESS, WE
23 OUGHT TO LOOK AT OPPOSING THE BUDGET BECAUSE OF THIS AND I'M
24 SURE THE OTHER COUNTIES WHO HAVE THIS SIMILAR PROBLEM WOULD
25 ALSO JOIN IN THAT EFFORT BECAUSE THIS, AGAIN, COULD BE A



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1 PANDORA'S BOX OF SEVERE FISCAL IMPACTS TO OUR COUNTY. IT'S A
2 BLANK CHECK. COUNTY COUNSEL ON THE WELFARE INSTITUTIONS CODE,
3 SECTION 736, WE'RE NEGOTIATING WITH THE STATE ON THAT?

4

5 **RICHARD WEISS:** MR. CHAIRMAN, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, I BELIEVE
6 SO. I'M STILL WAITING FOR A BRIEFING ON EXACTLY WHERE WE ARE
7 ON THAT ISSUE.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHEN WE PASS THIS, COULD WE HAVE MONTHLY--
10 BUT THE BUDGET'S GOING TO BE PASSED BY-- THEY WANT TO PASS IT
11 BY THE END OF THIS MONTH. SO YOU'RE LOOKING AT TO GET UPDATED
12 WEEKLY ON THIS ISSUE, IT'S QUITE IMPORTANT.

13

14 **DEPUTY C.A.O. SHARON HARPER:** WE CAN DO THAT. WE CAN PROVIDE
15 WEEKLY UPDATES.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

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19 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. CHAIRMAN?

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MS. BURKE AND THEN MR. KNABE.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE:** I'D LIKE TO-- FIRST OF ALL, I RECALL THAT THERE
24 WERE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO TESTIFIED HERE SOME TIME AGO AS
25 FAR AS SENDING YOUNG PEOPLE UP THERE TO WHAT THEN WAS C.Y.A.



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1 AND THE NUMBER OF SUICIDES AND A NUMBER OF OTHER THINGS THAT
2 THEY BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION. AT THAT TIME, THEY MADE THE
3 STATEMENT THAT THERE WERE SOME COUNTIES THAT HAD ALREADY
4 DETERMINED THEY WOULD NOT SEND ANY YOUNG PEOPLE TO THEN C.Y.A.
5 ARE THOSE COUNTIES STILL NOT SENDING? AND WHICH COUNTIES ARE
6 THOSE?

7

8 **ROBERT TAYLOR:** THERE ARE STILL SOME COUNTIES THAT ARE NOT
9 SENDING ANY NON-707S TO THE STATE. THEY MADE THAT DECISION.
10 THEY ARE SENDING SOME OF THE 707(B)S, THE VERY SERIOUS
11 OFFENDERS, THE MURDERERS, ET CETERA. THOSE ARE COUNTIES THAT
12 ARE-- AND I THINK SAN MATEO WAS ONE OF THOSE COUNTIES BUT
13 THERE ARE SEVERAL COUNTIES UP IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE:** IS ALAMEDA SENDING?

16

17 **ROBERT TAYLOR:** I DON'T BELIEVE THAT ALAMEDA IS SENDING ANY
18 NON-707(B)S TO THE STATE.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE:** WHY DID THEY DECIDE-- THEY MADE THAT DECISION FOR--
21 - WAS IT FINANCIAL? BECAUSE HOW MUCH DO WE PAY FOR EVERY YOUNG
22 PERSON THAT GOES TO THE STATE? IS IT \$18,000 A YEAR?

23



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1 **ROBERT TAYLOR:** IT'S A SLIDING SCALE DEPENDING UPON THE
2 CATEGORY OF THE OFFENSE BUT IT CAN BE UP TO \$24,000 A YEAR,
3 DEPENDING ON THE OFFENSE FOR WHICH THE MINOR WAS CONVICTED.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE:** AND THAT'S WHAT WE PRESENTLY PAY TO THE STATE?

6

7 **ROBERT TAYLOR:** WE PAY THAT TO THE STATE, THAT'S CORRECT.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE:** NOW, WHEN WE BRING THEM BACK, WHAT ARE YOU
10 ESTIMATING IT REALLY WILL COST FOR THEM TO GO TO PROBATION
11 CAMP? I HAD ALWAYS UNDERSTOOD IT WAS MUCH LESS FOR THEM TO GO
12 TO PROBATION CAMP THAN FOR US TO PAY WHATEVER IT WAS, THE
13 MINIMUM IS, WHAT, 13,000 OR 15,000 WE'RE PAYING?

14

15 **ROBERT TAYLOR:** WE ESTIMATE IT'S ABOUT \$24,000 ANNUALLY IN OUR
16 HALLS AND 92,000 AND CHANGE TO HAVE A MINOR HOUSED IN OUR
17 CAMPS.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE:** ABOUT 92,000?

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21 **ROBERT TAYLOR:** YES, SUPERVISOR.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** FOR EACH CHILD THAT WE BRING BACK
24 HERE.

25



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1 **ROBERT TAYLOR:** FOR EACH CHILD PER YEAR, YES.

2

3 **SUP. BURKE:** I THOUGHT IT WAS MORE EXPENSIVE FOR THEM TO GO TO
4 THE YOUTH AUTHORITY.

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6 **ROBERT TAYLOR:** IT IS MORE EXPENSIVE FOR THEM TO GO TO THE
7 YOUTH AUTHORITY, YES.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE:** IS IT 92,000?

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11 **ROBERT TAYLOR:** NO. THAT'S FOR OUR CAMPS. FOR EACH MINOR THAT'S
12 IN ONE OF OUR CAMPS...

13

14 **SUP. BURKE:** IT'S COSTING US 92,000.

15

16 **ROBERT TAYLOR:** IT'S COSTING US \$92,000 PER MINOR PER YEAR.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE:** BUT IF THEY SEND THEM UP THERE, IT'S 24,000?

19 >ROBERT TAYLOR: IF THEY SEND THEM UP THERE, UNDER THE SLIDING
20 SCALE, IT CAN BE AS MUCH-- WE CAN PAY AS MUCH AS \$24,000 TO
21 THE STATE. BUT IT COSTS THE STATE ABOUT \$150,000 PER MINOR PER
22 YEAR.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE:** SO WHAT WE'RE SAYING IS THEY SHOULD AT LEAST PAY
25 TO US THE 92,000 FOR EACH CHILD?



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2 **ROBERT TAYLOR:** WELL, WE'RE ASKING FOR MORE THAN THAT.

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4 **SUP. BURKE:** I KNOW. BUT, AT MINIMUM, RIGHT.

5

6 **ROBERT TAYLOR:** YES. JUST TO MAKE US WHOLE, IT WOULD BE 92,000
7 PLUS.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE:** PLUS WHATEVER SPECIAL SERVICES THEY ARE REQUIRED
10 TO HAVE.

11

12 **ROBERT TAYLOR:** YES, THAT'S CORRECT.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE:** BUT IN TERMS OF A POLICY, THERE ARE SOME COUNTIES
15 THAT HAVE ALREADY MADE THE DETERMINATION. NOW, DID THEY GET
16 REIMBURSED FOR THE DIFFERENCE IF THEY KEPT THEM IN THE COUNTY?

17

18 **ROBERT TAYLOR:** CURRENTLY, THEY DO NOT GET REIMBURSED. THEY
19 RECEIVE SOME FUNDING. IF THEY HAVE A CAMP, THEY RECEIVE CAMP
20 FUNDING FOR EACH MINOR THAT THEY HAVE IN THEIR CAMP.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE:** AND THAT AMOUNTS TO ABOUT-- WHAT ARE WE RECEIVING
23 FROM THE STATE FOR THE CAMP FUNDING? IT'S NOT ON AN INDIVIDUAL
24 AMOUNT. IT'S A GROSS AMOUNT.

25



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1 **ROBERT TAYLOR:** THAT'S CORRECT.

2

3 **SUP. BURKE:** IN OUR BUDGET, IT'S ABOUT HOW MUCH?

4

5 **ROBERT TAYLOR:** 12 MILLION?

6

7 **DEPUTY C.A.O. SHARON HARPER:** I DON'T KNOW, SUPERVISOR. WE'D
8 HAVE TO CHECK.

9

10 **ROBERT TAYLOR:** I BELIEVE IT'S ABOUT 12 MILLION.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, LET ME JUST SAY THIS. THAT I GOT THE
13 IMPRESSION THAT OTHER COUNTIES WERE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT
14 SENDING SOME OF THOSE NON-707(B)S TO WHAT WAS THEN YOUTH
15 AUTHORITY, D.D.A. OR WHATEVER YOU CALL IT NOW.

16

17 **ROBERT TAYLOR:** YES.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE:** BECAUSE IT'S A TERRIBLE ATMOSPHERE AND I KNOW THAT
20 THE ISSUE WAS RAISED IF THERE WAS A DETERMINATION THAT THIS
21 DEFENDANT WAS A GANG MEMBER, WHETHER OR NOT THAT WOULD
22 AUTOMATICALLY INDICATE THAT THEY SHOULD GO BECAUSE A GANG
23 MEMBER DOES NOT NECESSARILY CLASSIFY 707(B), DO THEY?

24

25 **ROBERT TAYLOR:** NO, THEY DO NOT.



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2 **SUP. BURKE:** SO THEY WOULD HAVE TO DISTINGUISH WITH WHETHER OR
3 NOT, EVEN IF IT WAS A GANG MEMBER, WHETHER OR NOT...

4

5 **ROBERT TAYLOR:** THAT'S AN ADDITIONAL ENHANCEMENT, YES, THAT'S
6 CORRECT.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE:** THAT'S AN ENHANCEMENT. BUT THE TESTIMONY WE
9 RECEIVED, WE GOT SOME INDICATION THAT SOME PEOPLE WERE BEING
10 SENT ON THE BASIS THAT THEY HAD GANG AFFILIATION.

11

12 **ROBERT TAYLOR:** YES.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE:** THEY WERE BEING SENT ON THAT BASIS ALONE?

15

16 **ROBERT TAYLOR:** YES.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE:** HOW ARE WE GOING TO DEAL WITH THAT ISSUE? ARE WE
19 GOING TO SAY DON'T SEND THOSE BACK? OR ARE WE GOING TO TAKE
20 THOSE BACK WHO WERE NOT-- THAT WERE SENT ON GANG AFFILIATION
21 EVEN IF THEY WERE NOT 707(B)S?

22

23 **ROBERT TAYLOR:** WELL, WE'RE NOT PROPOSING TO TAKE ANYONE BACK
24 WHO'S ALREADY THERE. BUT, IN THE FUTURE, WE WOULD AGREE NOT TO
25 SEND ANYONE UNLESS THEY WERE A 707(B) OFFENDER.



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2 **SUP. BURKE:** GANG AFFILIATION WOULD NOT BE A DETERMINATION?

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4 **ROBERT TAYLOR:** WOULD NOT BE A FACTOR.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE:** VIOLATION AFTER THEY HAD BEEN IN CAMP AND HAD
7 ANOTHER OFFENSE, IS THAT, EVEN IF IT'S A MINOR, DOES THAT
8 QUALIFY?

9

10 **ROBERT TAYLOR:** SOME MINORS, WHEN THEY VIOLATE CONDITIONS OF
11 PROBATION, THEY ARE SENT BACK TO CAMP, YES.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE:** BUT THEY DON'T NECESSARILY GO TO C.Y.A., UNLESS
14 ANOTHER VIOLATION WAS FILED.

15

16 **ROBERT TAYLOR:** UNLESS IT'S ANOTHER SUBSTANTIVE OFFENSE, YES.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MR. KNABE?

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** I WAS GOING TO ASK A NUMBER OF THE SAME QUESTIONS,
21 I WON'T. BUT THERE WAS NOT A RECOMMENDATION, WOULD IT BE
22 APPROPRIATE, AT THIS POINT, PARTICULARLY SINCE, YOU KNOW,
23 WE'RE IN SUCH A SHORT TIME FRAME HERE TO AT LEAST ONE OF THE
24 RECOMMENDATIONS BE THAT WE SEND A FIVE SIGNATURE LETTER?

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1 **DEPUTY C.A.O. SHARON HARPER:** YES, THAT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE.

2

3 **SUP. KNABE:** EXPLAINING OUR CONCERNS?

4

5 **DEPUTY C.A.O. SHARON HARPER:** YES AND WE CAN PREPARE THAT FOR
6 YOU.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** I WOULD MOVE THAT.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SECOND.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME, MR. CHAIRMAN. I KNOW YOU
13 HAVE TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION RIGHT NOW BUT I THINK IT
14 WOULD BE IMPORTANT THAT WE DO THAT.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE:** WHAT AMOUNT OF MONEY-- WILL THERE BE A SPECIFIC
17 AMOUNT OF MONEY IN THAT LETTER OR WHAT WILL IT SAY?

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** I THINK THE DIFFERENT AREAS WILL SHOW THE
20 DIFFERENCES, RIGHT?

21

22 **DEPUTY C.A.O. SHARON HARPER:** WE CAN WORK ON THAT. PROBABLY,
23 WE'LL GIVE A RANGE BECAUSE WE HAVE TO QUANTIFY HOW MUCH
24 ADDITIONAL DOLLARS WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR THE MENTAL HEALTH



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1 COMPONENT AS WELL AS THE HEALTH COMPONENT AND THEN WORK WITH
2 L.A.C.O.E. ON THE ADDITIONAL COSTS FOR EDUCATION.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I'M CONCERNED ABOUT
5 AND I KNOW THAT MR. TAYLOR HAS SAID HE'S ADVOCATING ON A PER
6 UNIT COST, PER MINOR COST, THE PRESENT BILL, AS I UNDERSTAND,
7 CONTAINS A BLOCK GRANT PROVISION AND EVERYBODY IS WORKING
8 TOWARD CREATING A FORMULA. THE BLOCK GRANT PROVISION LEADS ME
9 TO BELIEVE THAT, EVERY YEAR, LEGISLATIVELY THEY WILL LIMIT THE
10 NUMBER OF DOLLARS GOING INTO THE BLOCK GRANT FORMULA. AND SO,
11 YOU KNOW, INITIALLY, IT COULD START OUT VERY FAIR BUT
12 EVENTUALLY-- AND IT WILL TAKE AWAY THE PER MINOR COST. AND SO
13 I THINK WE SHOULD OPPOSE A BLOCK GRANT FORMULA. AND I DON'T
14 KNOW THAT WE HAVE EVEN TAKEN THAT POSITION. AND IT'S NOT IN
15 YOUR AREA OF RECOMMENDATION.

16

17 **SHARON HARPER:** WE'RE PROPOSING A COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** YEAH BUT-- I JUST THINK THAT IF, IN FACT, WE
20 SHOULD START DIFFERENTLY, WE SHOULD START WITH OUR ADVOCACY
21 AND SAYING THAT WE SHOULD GET PAID FOR A PER MINOR COST, WHAT
22 THE COSTS ARE REAL BECAUSE, OTHERWISE, WE'RE GOING TO END UP
23 SUBSIDIZING. AS IT IS, WE KNOW THAT THE NUMBER, THE AMOUNT
24 THAT WE PAY NOW IS GOING TO BE SUBTRACTED. IT'S NOT LIKE WE'RE
25 GOING TO GET IT ON TOP OF THAT. I MEAN, WE PAY SO MUCH NOW TO



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1 THE KIDS THAT WE SEND TO "C.Y.A." AND SO THAT'S GOING TO BE
2 MISUSED OUT ALREADY. I MEAN THAT COST IS GOING TO STAY THERE
3 FOR US AND THAT WE UNDERSTAND. BUT I DON'T WANT TO BE ADDED
4 BEYOND THAT BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO HAVE MORE RESPONSIBILITIES
5 NO MATTER HOW THE REIMBURSEMENT IS NEVER GOING TO COVER IT ALL
6 COMPLETELY. WE ARE STILL GOING TO HAVE OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES,
7 PARTICULARLY WITH D.O.J. LOOKING AT US AT THE SAME TIME. THAT
8 MIGHT REQUIRE ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES THAT ARE
9 YET NOT BUILT INTO THIS COST FACTOR AS YET.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I'M GOING TO ASK THAT WE HOLD THIS
12 ON THE TABLE. GO INTO CLOSED SESSION ON C.S.-2, WHICH WE NEED
13 TO DO, AND THEN COME BACK OUT HERE AND FINISH THIS DISCUSSION.

14

15 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,
16 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL
17 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NUMBER C.S.-2,
18 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE
19 TO YOUR LITIGATION, ONE CASE, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED
20 AGENDA. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL RECONVENE IN OPEN
21 SESSION FOLLOWING THEIR DISCUSSION OF ITEM C.S.-2. THANK YOU.

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1 [After considering Closed Session item CS-2, the Board of
2 Supervisors resumed in open session.]

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6 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA, I BELIEVE YOU WERE IN
7 THE MIDDLE OF ASKING PROBATION-- WE'RE BACK ON ITEM 74.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND AND I PRETTY MUCH HAD FINISHED MY
10 PART. I WAS TALKING TO THE C.A.O. AND SAYING THAT I THOUGHT
11 THAT WE SHOULD OPPOSE THE BLOCK GRANT PROVISIONS OF IT. AND
12 REALLY ADVOCATE FOR THAT TO BE A PER MINOR COST.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** AND I HAD MENTIONED THAT I WOULD MOVE, WHEN THE
15 APPROPRIATE TIME CAME, THAT WE SEND A FIVE SIGNATURE LETTER
16 OUTLINING OUR CONCERNS.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE:** AND MY QUESTION AT THAT POINT WAS THE AMOUNT OF
19 MONEY THAT WE WERE GOING TO PUT INTO IT, WOULD WE HAVE A
20 AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT FELT THAT SHOULD ABSOLUTELY BE INCLUDED,
21 OUR FORMULA? WHAT ARE YOU SUGGESTING?

22

23 **SHARON HARPER:** WELL, RIGHT NOW, I THINK WE'RE ESTIMATING THAT
24 IT SHOULD BE BETWEEN 130,000 AND 150,000.

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1 **SUP. BURKE:** OKAY.

2

3 **SHARON HARPER:** AND WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT THAT'S GOING TO
4 BE SUFFICIENT TO HANDLE ALL OF THE ISSUES THAT HAVE BEEN
5 RAISED, BOTH BY THE COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND C.P.O.C. AS WELL AS
6 THE BOARD, AS WELL, AND THEN WE NEED TO ADDRESS THE
7 EDUCATIONAL PIECE. WE ALSO NEED TO COME BACK AND LOOK AT
8 WHETHER IF IT'S GOING TO BE A BLOCK GRANT, HOW WOULD THAT BE?
9 OUR PROPOSAL IS THAT IT'S PER JUVENILE.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE:** IT WOULD BE A PER CASE.

12

13 **SHARON HARPER:** YES.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE:** WITH THE SAME AMOUNT THEY'RE PAYING RIGHT NOW,
16 WHICH IS 150, THAT THEY'RE EXPENDING?

17

18 **ROBERT TAYLOR:** THAT'S WHAT IT COSTS THE STATE TO HOUSE A
19 MINOR, YES, 150,000.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE:** IS THAT A MOTION? DON, DID YOU HAVE A MOTION?

24

25 **SUP. KNABE:** I'LL MOVE IT.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THE MOTION IS, JUST RESTATE IT.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** THAT WE DO A SIGNATURE LETTER OUTLINING OUR
5 VARIOUS CONCERNS ON ALL FACETS FROM DOLLARS TO EDUCATION.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THERE IS A MOTION BY KNABE,
8 SECONDED BY BURKE, WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE. THANK
9 YOU, BOB.

10

11 **ROBERT TAYLOR:** THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** DO WE HAVE ANY...

14

15 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE HAVE TWO INDIVIDUALS WHO WOULD LIKE TO
16 SPEAK ON CLOSED SESSION C.S.-1.

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ARNOLD SACHS? DR. CLAVREUL?

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20 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. FOR ME, IT IS
21 NOT A GOOD AFTERNOON. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN NICE WHEN YOU WENT IN
22 CLOSED SESSION TO LET THE PUBLIC KNOW THAT YOU WOULD BE GONE
23 FOR HALF AN HOUR, SO WE WOULD HAVE, YOU KNOW, WENT OUT. BUT IT
24 WOULD HAVE BEEN DIFFICULT SINCE THE DOORS ARE CLOSED AND
25 THAT'S A VIOLATION OF THE BROWN ACT. YOU HAVE AN OPEN MEETING



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1 RIGHT NOW. THE DOOR SHOULD BE, THE PUBLIC SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO
2 COME BACK IN. THERE'S NOBODY OUTSIDE TO LET PEOPLE COME IN.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ACTUALLY THERE'S A WOMAN JUST
5 WALKED IN THE DOOR AS YOU WERE SPEAKING. ISN'T THAT
6 INTERESTING?

7

8 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** WELL, THEY WERE CLOSED DURING THE TIME
9 YOU WERE IN CLOSED SESSION, IT WAS CLOSED.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MAN, I'M SORRY. I COULDN'T SEE.
12 AND NOW THERE'S A LADY COMING THROUGH THE DOOR. TWO PEOPLE
13 HAVE COMING BACK.

14

15 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** ANYWAY, I AM VERY CONCERNED BECAUSE I
16 CONSTANTLY SEE IN THE NEWSPAPERS THAT DR. CHERNOF REFERRED TO
17 THE PATIENTS WHO DIE IN THE EMERGENCY ROOM AT KING DREW AS A
18 LACK OF CARING. IT'S BEYOND THE LACK OF CARING. IT IS ABOUT
19 INCOMPETENCE. AND, YOU KNOW, EMERGENCY ROOM AT KING/DREW,
20 THOSE ARE ALL PHYSICIANS UNDER CONTRACT. THEY ARE ALL
21 OUTSOURCED. THEY ARE PAID VERY WELL AND NOTHING HAS BEEN
22 MENTIONED ON WHAT'S BEING DONE TO MAKE SURE THAT KIND OF
23 SITUATION DOESN'T HAPPEN AGAIN. PHYSICIANS WHO ARE LEFT AT THE
24 E.R. ARE TOTALLY OUTSOURCED FROM WHAT WE HAVE HEARD FROM THE
25 BOARD HERE. AND, IF THEY ARE, YOU ARE NOT DOING A GOOD JOB



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1 DOING AT WHAT THEY'RE DOING. ALSO, THERE WAS AN ARTICLE IN THE
2 PRESS TELEGRAM THIS MORNING ABOUT THE CITY OF DOWNEY HAVING AN
3 INCREASING BUDGET BECAUSE HAVE TO PUT \$200,000 FOR A STUDY
4 ABOUT RANCHO LOS AMIGOS, ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY TO GO FOR A
5 PUBLIC/PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT? ARE WE GOING TO HAVE A FIRE SALE
6 AND, YOU KNOW, SELL LOS AMIGO WITH KING/DREW? SPECIAL DEAL FOR
7 CATHOLIC HEALTHCARE WEST?

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9 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I CAN ANSWER THAT. THAT IS THE SOUTH
10 CAMPUS, IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE HOSPITAL. IT IS THE
11 SOUTH CAMPUS BECAUSE THE FACILITY AND THE SOUTH CAMPUS IS ALL
12 WITHIN THE CONFINES OF CITY OF DOWNEY, THEY'RE RESPONSIBLE TO
13 DO PART OF THE PLANNING PROCESS. SO THEY'RE DOING IT.

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15 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** THANK YOU.

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17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ANYBODY ELSE WANT TO BE
18 HEARD ON ITEM C.S.-1? IF NOT, PUBLIC HEARING ON THAT WILL BE
19 CLOSED. WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT. OLGA RAMIREZ? IS MS. RAMIREZ
20 HERE? AND JOSE AGUILAR? AND WE HAVE AN INTERPRETER HERE. MR.
21 AGUILAR, DO YOU WANT TO GO FIRST.

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23 **JOSE AGUILAR [VIA INTERPRETER]:** MY NAME IS JOSE AGUILAR. GOOD
24 AFTERNOON, EVERYBODY. THE PURPOSE OF MY VISIT THAT I AM
25 PRESENT HERE IS TO LET YOU KNOW THERE'S AN ORGANIZATION IN



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1 EXISTENCE, IT'S THE COALITION OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY MENTAL
2 HEALTH DEPARTMENTS. THIS COALITION HAS BEEN WORKING FOR SEVEN
3 OR EIGHT YEARS. IT'S ALMOST GETTING READY TO FADE AWAY. THOSE
4 OF US THAT ARE TRYING TO WORK WITH THIS COALITION ARE THE ONLY
5 ONES THAT KNOW WHAT IS THE PRACTICAL JOB. WHAT'S OUR
6 OBJECTIVE? AND IT'S WORKING FOR THE NEEDY JUST AS WE ARE IN
7 NEED. IN REFERENCE TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE PART OF IT THAT WE
8 HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF IT. IN REGARDS TO HEALTH, WE DON'T HAVE
9 ANY KNOWLEDGE. AND WHO'S SUPPOSED TO GIVE US THAT KNOWLEDGE
10 THAT WE EXPECT HELP FROM AND SUPPORT? THEY ARE BEING IN
11 DENIAL. WE HAVE TRIED TO MEET WITH THE DIRECTOR OF LOS ANGELES
12 COUNTY, AND WE HAVE AND THEY HAVE ASSIGNED A STAFF TO HELP US,
13 SUPPOSEDLY. BUT THESE PEOPLE THAT THEY PUT TO HELP US, THESE
14 PEOPLE, INSTEAD OF HELPING US, IT SEEMS LIKE THEIR INTENT IS
15 TO HAVE A PROBLEM BECAUSE, EVERY TIME WE WOULD LIKE TO MEET
16 WITH THEM, THEY WILL GIVE IT TO US. THEY'RE VERY KIND AND THEY
17 PLAY OUR SIDE. BUT, AT THE TIME WE ARE SUPPOSED TO MEET, THEY
18 NEVER SHOW UP. THEY HAVE PROBLEMS WITH FAMILY OR OTHER
19 PROBLEMS. I AM THE PRESIDENT OF THIS COALITION AND IT'S
20 GETTING TO BE REORGANIZED. I'M AFRAID THE WHOLE OBJECTIVE IS--
21 WILL BE LOOSE. EVERYBODY SEEMS TO BE DESPERATE AND THAT'S
22 BECAUSE WE'RE NOT GETTING ANY HELP. AT THIS POINT, WE ARE
23 GETTING READY TO SEND NOTICES ABOUT OUR NEXT MEETING, OUR
24 MONTHLY MEETING. AND I CAN'T [INAUDIBLE] WHO THEY ASSIGNED TO
25 HELP US OUT. SO THEY CAN HELP US. HE PUT IN A PLAN FOR NEXT



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1 WEEK BUT I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO LOCATE HIM. WE NEED TO SEND
2 NOTICES OUT TOMORROW. WE DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO GO BY. WE
3 DON'T KNOW WHERE WE'RE GOING TO MEET AND WE HAVE NOT BEEN
4 CONTACTED. I HOPE YOU WILL DO SOMETHING TO STOP MANAGERS, STOP
5 DIRECTORS.

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SENIOR AGUILAR, IF I CAN ASK YOU
8 FOR A MINUTE, WE WILL HEAR FROM MRS. RAMIREZ, BECAUSE YOUR
9 TIME IS UP. THERE IS A TIME LIMIT. MRS. RAMIREZ?

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11 **OLGA RAMIREZ [VIA INTERPRETER]:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I CAME IN AS
12 SUPERVISOR MOLINA, SINCE SHE'S THE ONE THAT HAS BEEN HANDLING
13 MY CASE FOR THE COALITION. WHAT IS THE NAME OF THE-- YOU HAVE
14 NOT CLARIFIED TO US AND I NEED TO KNOW.

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16 **SUP. MOLINA:** (IN SPANISH) WHO IS THE DEPARTMENT HEAD OF MENTAL
17 HEALTH?

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19 **OLGA RAMIREZ [VIA INTERPRETER]:** DIRECTOR OF MENTAL HEALTH.

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21 **SUP. MOLINA:** (IN SPANISH).

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23 **OLGA RAMIREZ [VIA INTERPRETER]:** I [INAUDIBLE] I HAVE BEEN
24 WORKING FOR SIX YEARS.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** (IN SPANISH) HOW MANY TIMES HAVE YOU MET WITH
2 HIM?

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4 **OLGA RAMIREZ [VIA INTERPRETER]:** ABOUT A YEAR AND A MONTH.

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6 **SUP. MOLINA:** HOW MANY TIMES HAVE YOU MET WITH THE DIRECTOR?

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8 **OLGA RAMIREZ [VIA INTERPRETER]:** I HAVE NOT MET HIM. SEVERAL.

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10 **SUP. MOLINA:** SHE'S ASKING ME WHO IS THE DIRECTOR OF MENTAL
11 HEALTH SO I ASKED HER HOW MANY TIMES HAS SHE MET WITH HIM AND
12 SHE SAID VARIOUS TIMES.

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14 **OLGA RAMIREZ [VIA INTERPRETER]:** IT'S ABOUT A YEAR AND A
15 MONTH. I HAVE MET WITH HIM ABOUT 10 TIMES TRYING TO TAKE CARE
16 OF THIS PROBLEM. HE IS THE BOSS. THERE'S STILL ABUSES IN
17 REGARDS TO THE COALITION. THERE'S STAFF. THERE'S A MAN THAT'S
18 BLIND, HIS NAME IS MANUEL ORTIZ AND HE WAS BEAT UP BY AN
19 EMPLOYEE OF THE MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT. AND THE MAN IS
20 BLIND. THAT'S ONE OF THE ABUSES. HE HAS BEEN INFORMED, DR.
21 _____ HAS BEEN INFORMED. FOR A POINT, WE HAVE
22 REPORTED SENORA ARORA ABOUT THE PROBLEMS THAT SHE HAS CAUSED.
23 ABUSES TO THE COALITION DEPARTMENT MEMBERS AND THEY HAVE BEEN
24 DENYING WHERE SHE'S AT. THERE WILL BE A REPORT SENT TO ALL THE
25 SUPERVISORS IN REGARDS TO THIS MATTER. THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT



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1 HAS BEEN INVITING THEM FOR A MEETING WHICH WE ARE SUPPOSED TO
2 GET SOME GIFT CARDS AND WE NEVER GOT ANYTHING. I HAVE SOME
3 FLYERS HERE WITH THE CLINICS WHERE I GO TO THERAPY. I TOOK
4 SOME COPIES OF THE BULLETIN, THESE FLYERS. THERE'S A PROMISE
5 ON THIS FLIER. IF YOU ATTEND THE MEETING, THEY'LL GIVE YOU A
6 GIFT CARD. BUT CONSUMERS HAVE ATTENDED THOSE MEETINGS AND SHE
7 THINKS THERE'S A LACK OF RESPECT WHEN THEY GO TO THOSE
8 MEETINGS AND THEY COME UP WITH ALL KINDS OF EXCUSES ABOUT THE
9 GIFT CARDS. [INAUDIBLE] LACK OF RESPECT FOR CONSUMERS. IF THE
10 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES IS NOT GOING TO COMPLY WITH WHAT
11 THEY PROMISED, THEY SHOULDN'T BE DOING THOSE FLYERS.

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13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. TIME IS UP. THANK YOU. DO WE
14 HAVE ANY OTHER ITEMS BEFORE THE AGENDA-- ON THE AGENDA?

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16 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THAT'S IT.

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WE HAVE C.S.-2 IN CLOSED SESSION.

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20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE'RE GOING BACK INTO CLOSED SESSION ABOUT
21 C.S.-1.

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23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I'M SORRY, C.S.-1.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,
2 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL
3 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NUMBER C.S.-1
4 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE
5 TO LITIGATION, ONE CASE, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA.
6 THANK YOU.

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